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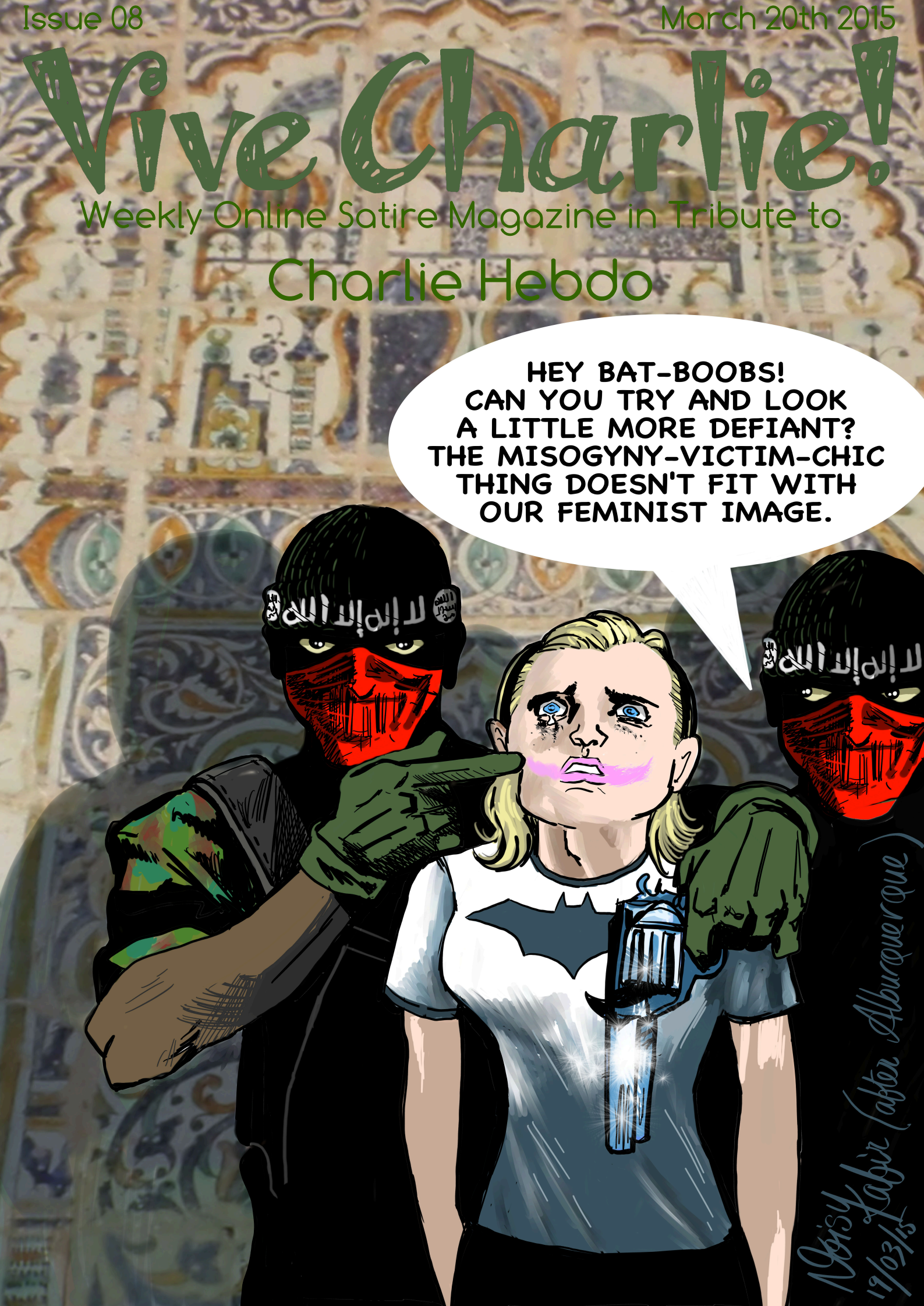

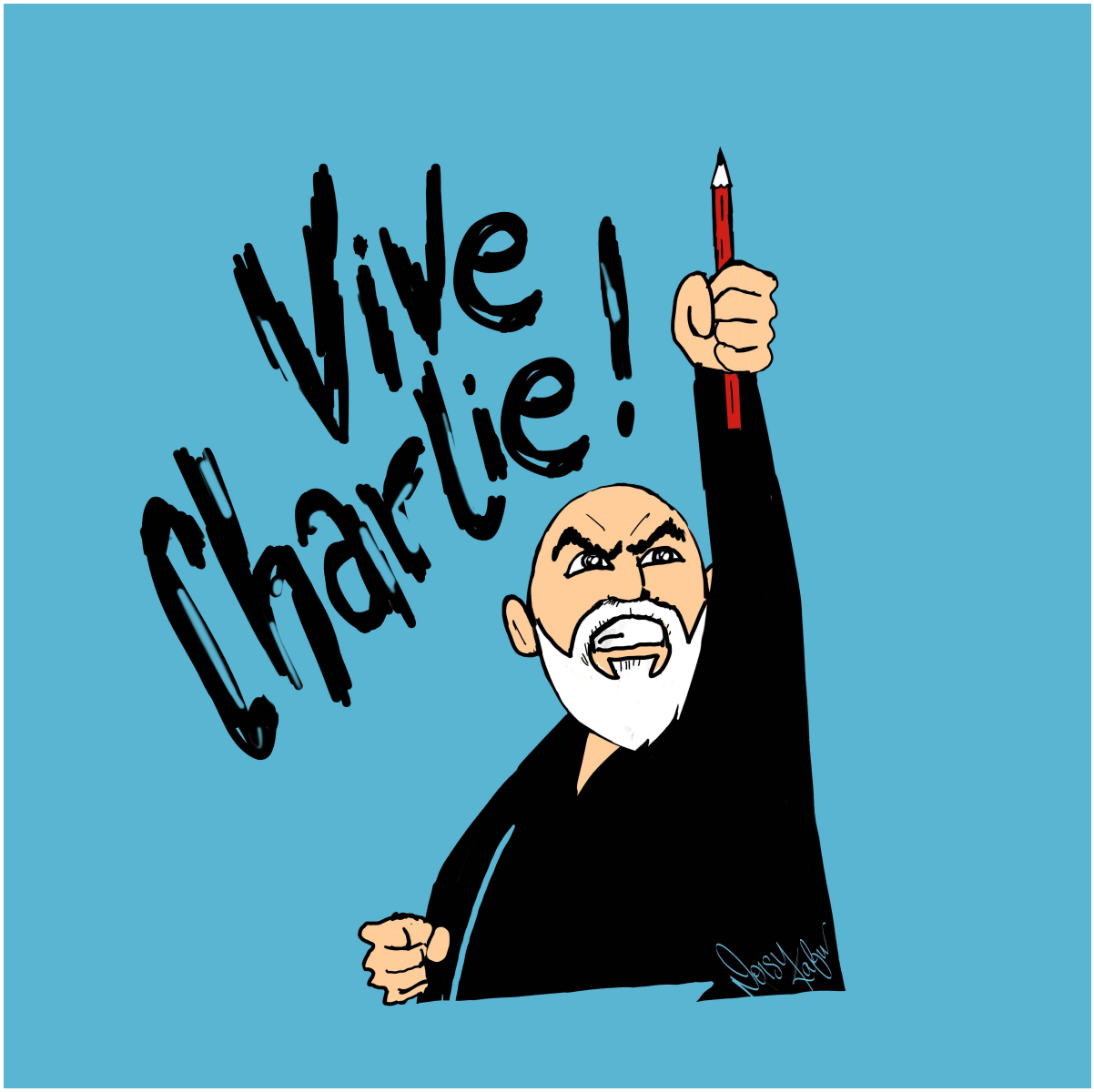

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There are 60million of us but only 646 of them

Britain's Vilest Troll - Daily Mail. Award winning Columnist, Satirist, Libertarian legend. Champion of Free Speech and a Free Society.

I promised myself I wouldn't write about Clarkson this week, so I sit here, teeth gritted as the pantomime of the BBC rumbles onwards towards its only logical conclusion – that it's a battle of the State broadcaster versus anyone who has the temerity to question the values imposed by the unelected elite of the Islington chatterati upon us long suffering serfs out here in "pay your TV licence or go to jail" land: and the BBC are going to lose.

Because, dear reader, we live in a time of endless information. To coin the phrase "we haz internetz", no longer are we drip fed what is deemed to be in the "common good". We can romp through the prairies of free thought on the web and come to our own conclusions, form our own opinions and add our pennyworth to the great simmering recipe of free thought.

The Internet is proving to be the undoing of a lot of what we were told was "good for us". The endless D notices handed out to the cabal of Fleet Street editors now count for nothing and inconvenient history that was once silenced and buried is bubbling up to the surface like a rotting corpse in a canal. If only there was a way to make us all behave online, eh?

I'm referring, of course, to the allegations of systematic child abuse that are currently tearing our political and judicial world apart – the witnesses who were once silenced by threats and intimidation can now realise an army of support in hours and our "elders and betters" are on the run. From just two years ago when an ambiguous tweet could see you prosecuted by yes, the brother-in-law of the prime minister, on behalf of the ex chairman of the Conservative party to our new found social media voices where we will no longer be cowed by the threats of the supposedly powerful against us. "Sue away, Galloway" is my motto – I'm still outraged that I received no letter by the way – and let's see if you want those cans of worms sent spilling across the oceans of Internet pages. And once on the Internet, dear reader, it stays on the Internet – for all we know – for eternity. No hiding place in the back of an editor's or Chief Whip's firmly locked safe any more. Future historians will see this as the beginning of a new age of enlightenment, the dawning of the age when the citizen informed himself – enough to strike terror into the hearts of politicians and priests alike.

In twenty year's time, when we no longer vote for politicians or their stupid political parties to represent us, when lobbyists buying the ears of lawmakers are confined to the annals of history, we'll look back in wonder at the shit we put up with. We'll marvel at the barbarity of the acts performed with our assumed consent, we'll gasp at the audacious crimes committed in our names by those who assumed that because we bothered to put an "x" in a box once every 5 years, they had carte blanche to do as they wished.

But first, the cleansing. Burn it down, salt the earth and begin again. Let the disinfectant of sunlight shine brightly on the filthy deeds our authoritarian lords have inflicted upon us all and let the institutions that they hid behind be torn down. This country has long been due another reformation and this time it'll be the Internet that nails its protest to the doors of Westminster. We don't need Martin Luther to remind the Pope that sins are not absolved with the passing of coin to Rome, we can destroy our corrupt institutions by simply refusing to recognise their authority over us.

Revolutionary stuff indeed, but then again, we'd still be stoning our women to death and living in fear of God's wrath if we weren't capable of a little independent thought once in a while. That is the age now upon us – independent thought. No wonder the BBC want Clarkson burned at the stake as quickly as possible – it's people like him what cause unrest.

The Killing Joke

by @Noisykafir

An insight into the inspiration for this week's cover page

Another drawing resulted in death threats this week. But not in the way you may think.

In yet another revamp DC comics have relaunched their superheroes as if the original versions had never happened. Having survived the last revamp in the 80s I decided not to bother with the 'New 52' or whatever it's called. On the periphery I heard/read the odd snippet of insider gossip and comic related drama. I saw the costume for the new Batgirl character and I was surprisingly pleased. DC seem to be clothing their heroes less in lycra-swim-wear and more in functional, robust costumes. Batgirl's is a case in point. Not a yellow high-heeled boot or skintight-lycra-legging in sight. But I digress. Why did Batgirl cause people to threaten to kill each other? Because Rafael Alburqueque drew her and some people didn't like what he drew.

The new Batgirl has been marketed as a modern more feminist hero. Although she's now an iPhone-selfie-taking adventurer aimed at a younger female audience, her character hasn't always been in wholesome and child-friendly scenarios. In Alan Moore's 'The Killing Joke' The Joker shoots Batgirl, severing her spinal cord. There's also some debate about whether she was raped (off-panel).

As part of the Joker's 75th anniversary DC Comics arranged a whole series of variant covers featuring or alluding to The Joker. Raphael Alburqueque created a stunning image of The Joker and Batgirl. The image is very carefully constructed, the arm around her shoulder, the gun pointing down toward her genitals, the finger touching her face, the absolute fear in her eyes... all appropriately very creepy. The Joker is a terrifying psychopath after-all. The Twitterati went crazy. Feminists and lefties demanded that the image be removed. They claimed it was misogynistic to portray Batgirl looking afraid, that she should be more defiant and not the victim of male violence. One is said to have claimed (unverified) that the blood on her face was menstrual blood! Most of these feminists were not comic-readers, they had no knowledge of the characters 'herstory' (see! I can be a feminist too), but regardless of their lack of comic-credibility, they couldn't see that it was just a drawing. Then the death threats started. Some pro-pic twitterers (twitts?) threatened the anti-pic twitterers (twatts?) which resulted in Alburqueque issuing a statement and asking DC to withdraw his image. Although the threats of killing were probably a 'joke' DC Comics complied.

And so the debate goes on. Apologists saying the image wasn't suitable for the age of the readers and portrays women as victims; supporters saying it is a nod to past works and an acknowledgement of how a woman survived and overcame to become a stronger person/hero. Whichever side you fall on, remember this: IT'S A DRAWING. Killing in the name of drawing, or not drawing, or just tweeting the killing 'joke' because of a drawing being drawn or a drawing not being drawn is, quite possibly, the most ridiculous reason to die, or fear death, ever.

Meanwhile, to put everything into perspective, people were killed in Bardo Museum in Tunis. As they looked at art and artefacts they were murdered by ISIS gunmen. ISIS have also been destroying ancient Assyrian artefacts because they're 'idolatrous'. It's all about the art. Even the perspective.

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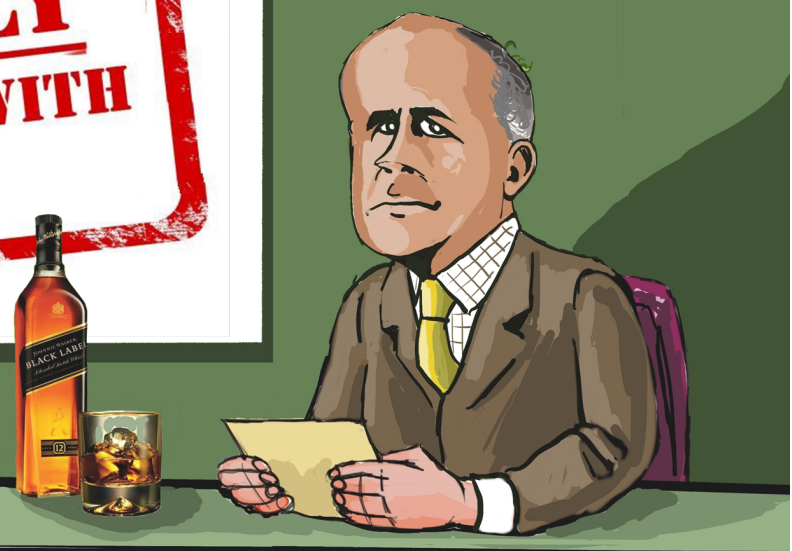

Vive Charlie TV

On 18 March 2015, two ISIS gunmen in military uniforms, Yassine Labidi and Saber Khachnaoui, attacked the Bardo National Museum in the Tunisian capital city of Tunis, and took hostages. Twenty-one people, mostly European tourists, were killed, and around fifty others were injured. Labidi and Khachnaoui were killed by Tunisian police.

ISIS claimed responsibility for the attack, and threatened to commit further attacks until Tunisia was part of the Islamic State. Thankfully for Muslims, this attack had nothing to do with Islam so the usual flood of Islamophobic revenge killings that normally follow an Islamic terrorist attack are not anticipated.

The current total of Islamophobia related revenge killings will therefore remain at zero.

Toronto #StopC51 Protest: Confused Communists Don't Know What's In Bill

Does the Harper government's proposed anti-terror bill keep you from growing garlic in your backyard? One Toronto #StopC51 protester thinks so.

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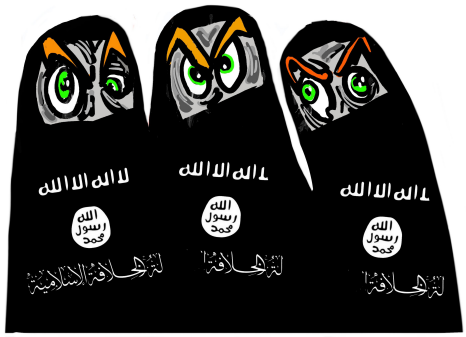

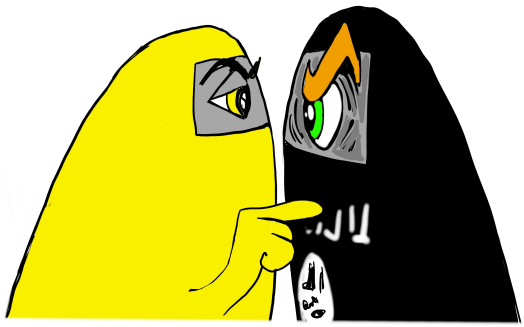

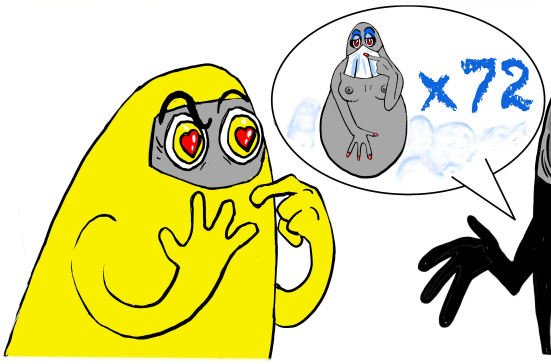

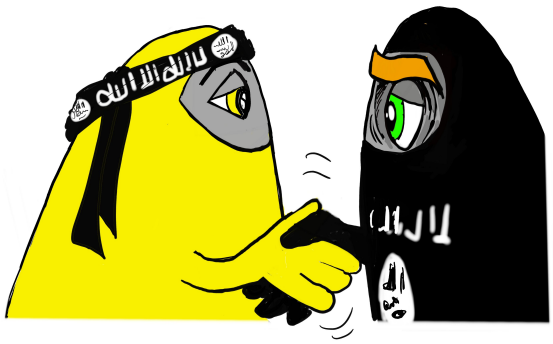

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The world of Clarkson through rosé-tinted glasses

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The BBC's bad boy and singular exemplar of political incorrectness looks as if he's about to face the chop, despite huge public support.

A new verb entered the lexicon of the English language this week... 'to Clarkson'... in other words, to split the lip or otherwise of some underling who has earned your displeasure. If your footman spills your whisky and soda you can simply 'Clarkson' him around the head with a rolled up copy of The Times or some heavy ornament from the mantelpiece.

This great new word arose from a fracas – another superb and underused term that you'll only see used in newspapers – that Jeremy Clarkson, the much-loved and hated presenter of BBC's Top Gear tv programme, had that ended with him taking a punch at his leprechaun-faced producer Oisín Tymon, who had displeasured the six-foot tall, pot-bellied, Levi-wearing master by not keeping the kitchen open at the hotel where the star was staying while filming in Yorkshire.

Cue howls of outrage from the hand-wringers and bedwetters that manage the BBC as well as Green voters who've always wanted Clarkson strung up and his entrails taken out and used for stringing folk music instruments. For some reason, Clarkson's brand of deliberately provocative expressions have long caused anyone who is to the left of Genghis Khan to foam at the mouth and suffer a collective fit of the vapours as he pokes fun at every shibboleth held dear by the lily-livered manginas who inhabit what passes for Fleet Street these days.

The truth is that most of what Clarkson says on Top Gear and in his newspaper columns wouldn't have caused your maiden-aunt to bat a wrinkled eyelid barely a decade ago, but in recent years free speech has become a euphemism for racism, sexism and homophobia. You'll often hear people say: 'You can't say that! What if you say that and someone gets offended?' Well they can be offended. No-one actually dies from being offended. What offends you may not offend me and largely depends on your upbringing and moral outlook.

Anyway, back to Clarkson... it appears that the boorish one had spent three hours sat in a pub drinking copious quantities of rosé wine when he should have been out filming. Now, if you want any excuse to sack Clarkson, then drinking rosé wine would probably be at the top of my list. It's the very embodiment of loucheness and nails the lie that Clarkson is, in fact, a homophobe.

So, Jeremy pitches up three hours late, having kept his expensive BBC helicopter waiting, and expects the entire kitchen brigade to have stayed on in order to cook him his sirloin steak which he'd pre-ordered. Allegedly, when it became clear that the steak was off and a cold platter of curled sandwiches was all that was on offer, the squiffy Jezza had the aforementioned fracas with his young producer and allegedly split the lad's lip after telling him he was a lazy c*** and would be sacked for his slack behaviour. If that is the truth then Clarkson did go a bit too far but I don't think that's the real reason he's in trouble.

Clearly Clarkson was in a rosé-induced stupor and, to placate the old booby, the hotel owner personally cooked the dinosaur his steak and thus peace was restored to the Top Gear team. What happened over the following weekend is a bit of a mystery. I've no doubt that Clarkson was probably mortified by his own behaviour the next day but also saw an opportunity to wiggle out of his contract which is up for renewal next month. He's already sold the Top Gear format to the BBC who were stupid enough to pay him buckets of cash for a programme that is, in essence, The Jeremy Clarkson Show and therefore not much use to them without Clarkson himself.

The following Monday, Clarkson reported himself to the BBC over the incident knowing full well that he would be suspended. He'd already made it clear to the public he was drinking in The Last Chance Saloon and had been given a final warning, so he must have expected and possibly hoped for the sack and thus the opportunity to hawk his programme of three middle-

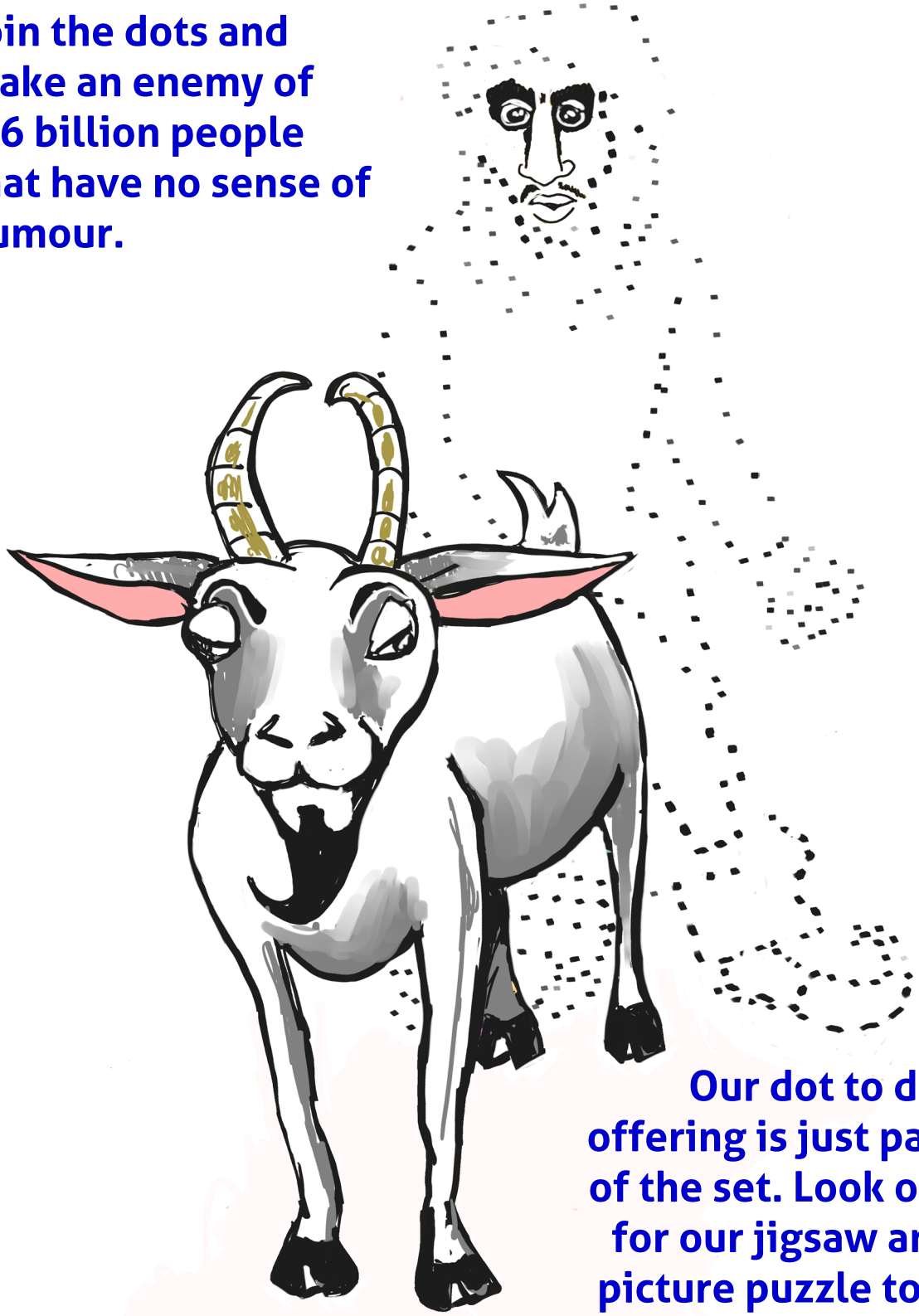
aged drunks driving impossibly expensive cars to Sky or Netflix for yet another bonus payday.

The country was split by the suspension with almost a million people signing a petition calling for Clarkson to be reinstated – interestingly, the most signatures Change.org has ever managed to garner for a single petition. Meanwhile the usual suspects of 'bien pensant' commentators called for Clarkson to be hung, drawn and quartered as the BBC's head of tv, Danny Cohen, saw his chance to sack the politically incorrect Clarkson and remove his impure thoughts from our screens, despite it possibly costing the BBC upwards of £100m a year in lost revenue.

The whole tawdry exercise shows us just how much 'politically incorrect' speech is no longer tolerated in the mainstream media. And yet it also shows just how many people support the right for Clarkson and others to challenge the taboos that have been foisted upon us by academics and soggy leftists. Clarkson is clearly incredibly popular and yet I've seen him described as a racist, homophobe and misogynist simply because he doesn't worship at the altar of political correctness. If he does leave the BBC it could end up being the final nail in Aunty's coffin as it becomes ever-clearer that only ideas and freedom of expressions approved of by 'the great and the good' will be tolerated. That, in my book, is a freedom not worth having.

DIY BLASPHEMY KIT

Join the dots and make an enemy of 1.6 billion people that have no sense of humour.



Our dot to dot offering is just part of the set. Look out for our jigsaw and picture puzzle too.

The Adventures Of MoeJoe Prophet Moe And Jihadist Joe

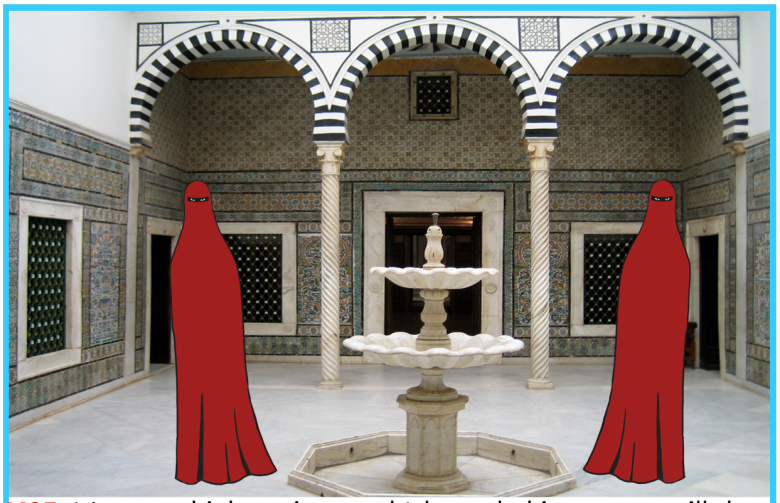
JOE: Welcome back everyone. This week Moe and I will be paying a visit to a museum to smash up all the pre-Muslamic and non Muslamic artefacts and massacre any foreign tourists.
MOE: This is good news, I haven't killed anyone for two days and I'm getting withdrawal symptoms.

MOE: Are we nearly there yet? We should have come on my flying horse it would have been much quicker.
JOE: Not long now my Prophet and perfect Muslim, we'll be neck deep in smashed artefacts and dead tourists before you can say Allan Ackbar.

JOE: OK my wonderful prophet, we are here. The good news is that it's coupon day so it's going to be packed.
MOE: I don't think we've brought enough bullets so we'll have to make sure we get all the Muslims out first, like we did at the shopping mall.

MOE: OK, I'll shout Allan Ackbar a few times and that will clear out the Muslims, then you cut down any foreign looking people holding maps and cameras.
JOE: It will be just like back in the day when you were leading your global genocide to expand the Ummah.

MOE: We've not done too bad at all, over 20 dead, 50 wounded and you're doing a fine job of destroying all the non-Muslamic and pre-Muslamic artefacts. **JOE:** I've saved a nice surprise for you too. So we don't get caught or killed, I've brought us both a nice trendy red burka each so we can escape.



MOE: It's a good job we invented Islamophobia, no one will dare lift our veils. We'll be back in Muslamabad for late supper.
JOE: This attack has absolutely nothing to do with Islam anyway.
MOE: Allan Ackbar.

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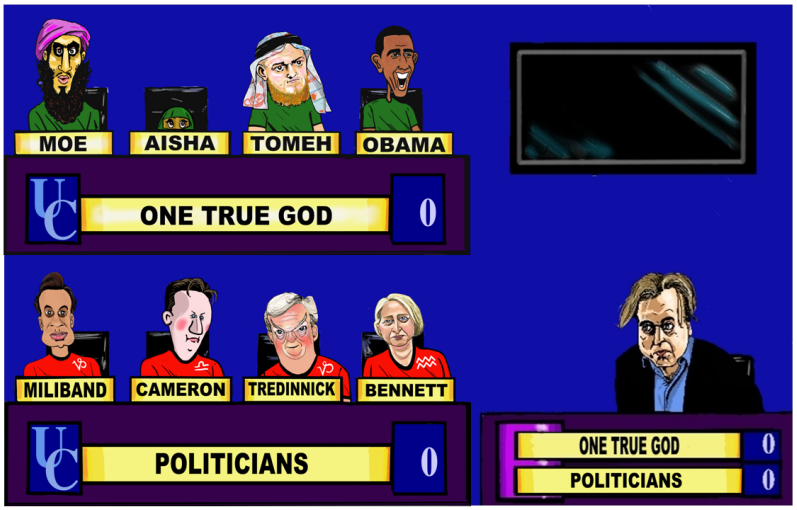
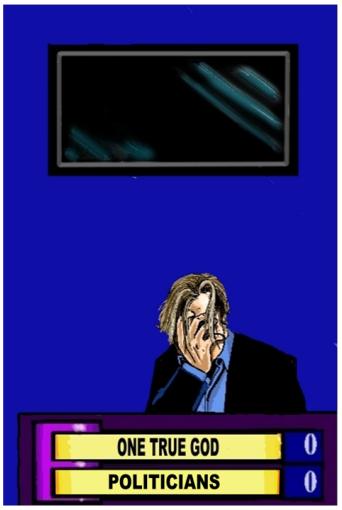
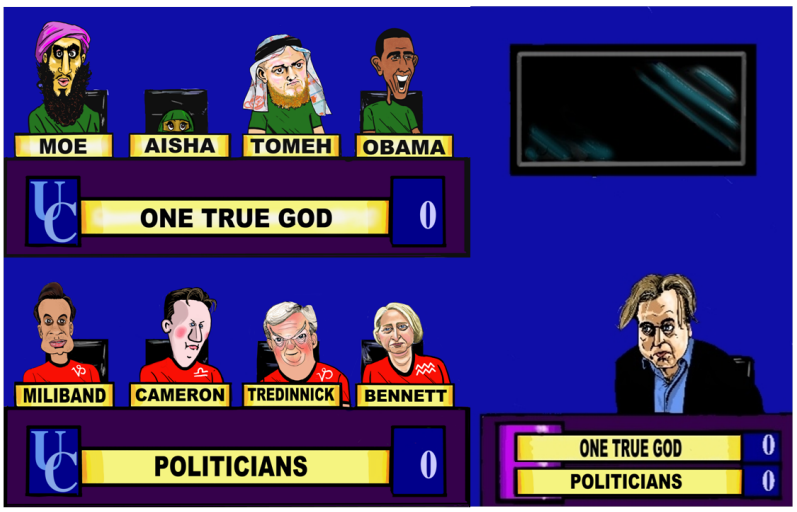


Hitch: This week's teams are One True God and Politicians, with team captains Moe and Miliband. OK, question one. Who was responsible for the 9/11 terrorist attacks?



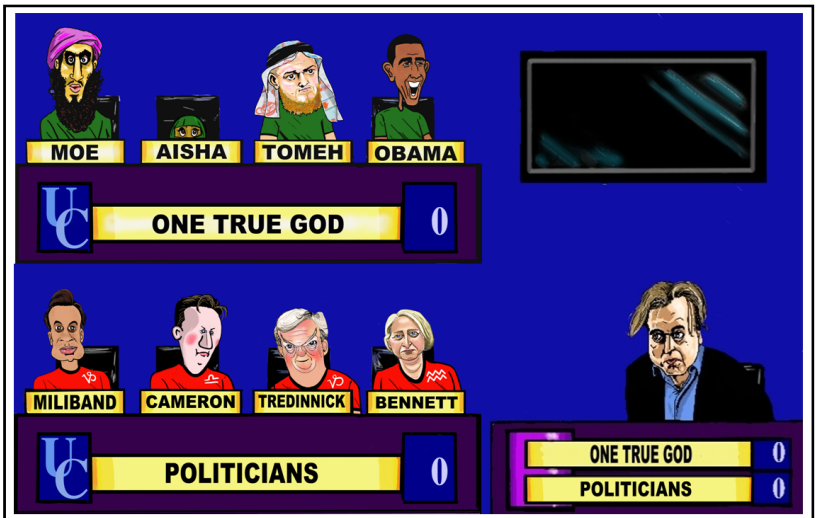
BUZZZ One true God Obama: They weren't terrorist attacks, they were simply random acts of violence.



Hitch: OK, question two. How many scientific errors are there in the Quran?

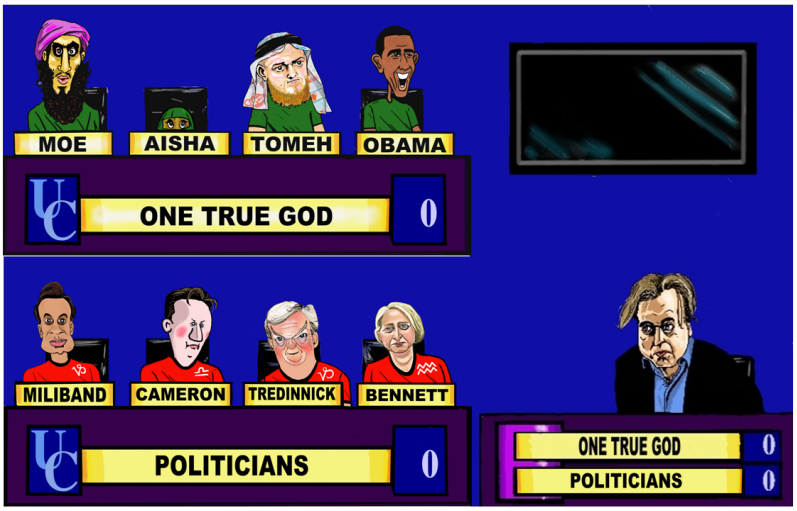
Hitch: Come on, I'll have to hurry you. Anyone?

Hitch: OK, you're either cowards or brainwashed.

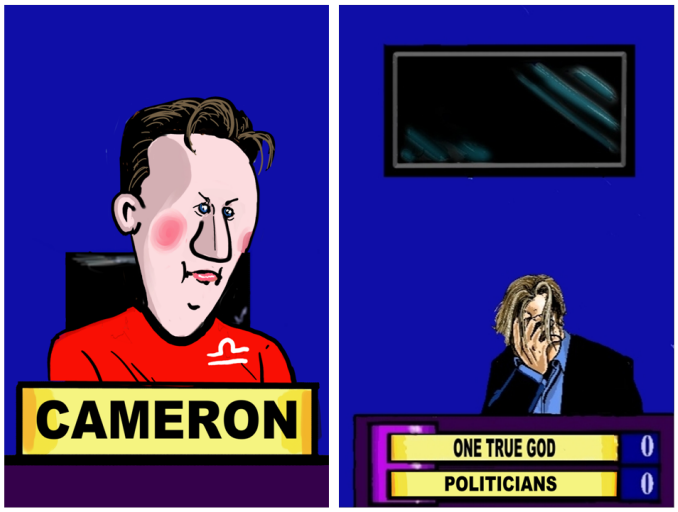


Hitch: Question three. In the fairy tale called the Quran, what magical beast flew Moe to the moon and back?

BUZZZ Politicians Tredinnick: A golden winged unicorn that believed in astrology as viable healthcare.



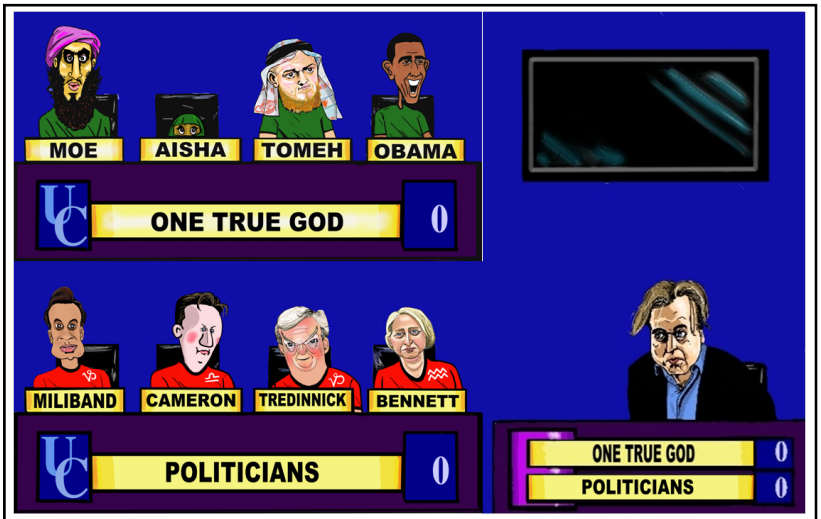
Hitch: What was the main motivator behind the epidemic of Muslim grooming gangs in the UK?



BUZZZ Politicians Cameron: It was nothing to do with Islam.

Hitch: What brand of politics has been the most popular in the UK over the last century?

BUZZZ Politicians Miliband: It's either Marxism or Communism, my two personal favourites as it happens.



Hitch: In a recent poll of 9 year old girls, what was the most common response to the question 'What do you want for your Birthday?'

BUZZZ One true God Aisha: Sex with your 53 year old husband?

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Draw Mohammed Day

May 20th 2015

Every day is Draw Mohammed Day at Vive Charlie

In response to the Paris and Copenhagen terrorist attacks we have launched a 'Draw Mohammed' competition.

We invite you to submit your depictions of Mohammed to vivecharlie@mail.com. Each week we will publish our favourite, which will go into our final, from which a winner will be selected on or around the 20th of May.

The winner will be invited to email us a photo and we will transform you into a cartoon character and feature you in an issue of Vive Charlie.

Our favourite this week is from "Audrey"

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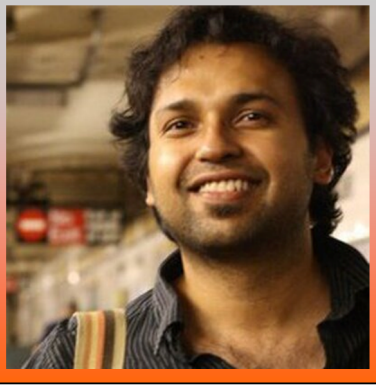


Pakistani-Canadian Writer. Musician. Physician. Working on my first book, The Atheist Muslim.

No, You're Not Taking Those Verses 'Out of Context'

By Ali A. Rizvi Twitter: @aliamjadrizvi Column: HuffPost

I recently posted the following statement to my Facebook timeline:

"The worst of beasts, in our view, are the followers of Allah – those who believe in Islam. They're the ones you make treaties with, but they break those treaties every time because they have no fear of the law."

The statement, of course, is blatantly bigoted hate speech against Muslims. But it is not something I have written. It is a passage from the Quran, verses 8:55-56, with references to disbelievers replaced by "followers of Allah" and "those who believe in Islam." You can read the original verse here.

Several commenters jumped on it, accusing me of taking these verses "out of context."

"It's a warfare verse," said one. "It's like taking a sentence out of a military book. If you are at war, then I think its fair that you can say it. But it is only applied in self-defence. You have to have a just reason for it."

Okay, I told him. Let's change the context then. Suppose the U.S. is at war with ISIS or Al Qaeda, and the president says:

"The worst of beasts, in our view, are the followers of Allah – those who believe in Islam. They're the ones you make treaties with, but they break those treaties every time because they have no fear of the law."

Does that read any better?

"It does if the fight is on the land of the one being attacked," he replied. "The aggressor can be identified easily by where the war takes place. What if the attacked people are fighting in self-defense?"

Fine. Let's suppose ISIS or Al Qaeda has attacked New York City, and the president says, in response:

"The worst of beasts, in our view, are the followers of Allah – those who believe in Islam. They're the ones you make treaties with, but they break those treaties every time because they have no fear of the law."

Better?

The commenter persisted. "But the verse wasn't for the general public. It was for the soldiers fighting in the war. It is only talking about people who break treaties." And so on.

I won't repeat the passage again. The point was obvious: however you paint the modified quote, it still reads as hate speech against all Muslims. There is no "context" that justifies labeling an entire people "the worst of beasts."

And herein lies the problem: if there was a book that talked about Muslims the way the Quran talks about disbelievers, heads would roll. Literally.

The primary argument we hear against critics and satirists of religion like the Charlie Hebdo cartoonists – who satirized all religions, not just Islam – is that their speech "offends billions of people."

But what about the religions they're targeting? The Abrahamic holy books – respected and revered by billions worldwide – prescribe the killing of disbelievers (Quran 8:12-13, 47:4; Leviticus 24:16); order their adherents to fight and enslave those with differing beliefs, a la ISIS (Quran 9:29-30, Deuteronomy 20:10-18); endorse wife-beating (Quran 4:34) and the stoning to death of non-virginal brides (Deuteronomy 22:20-21); order women to quietly submit to the authority of men (1 Timothy 2:11-12); and mandate the public lashing of fornicators (Quran 24:2) and the killing of homosexuals (Leviticus 20:13).

Who should really be offended here? If hate speech were really the issue, these books would be the first

When confronted with these facts, apologists will often respond by saying these texts should not be read "literally" – a concern that is certainly well-founded considering their contents. They know how terrible these books would sound if they weren't liberally "interpreted" (read: distorted, sanitized), or read the way one would read any other book. When the literal word of a deity requires repeated, long-winded explanations from his human followers simply to prevent it being interpreted to mean what it actually says, it doesn't make a great case for divine authorship. If anything can mean anything, the whole thing becomes meaningless.

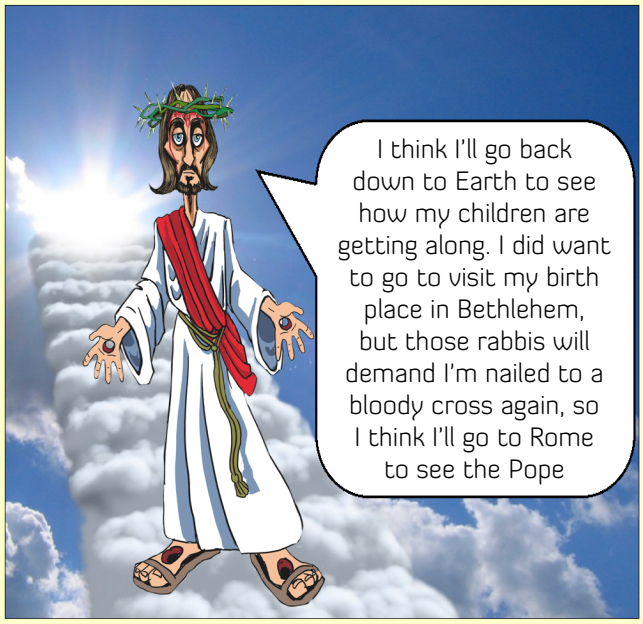
The reality is, religious moderates take their scripture "out of context" more than they'd like to think. Islamic apologists, for instance, like to quote the verse 2:256, which says there is "no compulsion in religion." They won't tell you (and many don't know themselves) that the very next verse, 2:257, says that those who do choose to disbelieve will be "companions of the Fire; they will abide eternally therein." You'll also hear them quote verse 5:32, which says, "Whoever kills a soul...it is as if he had slain all mankind. And whoever saves one – it is as if he had saved mankind entirely." But again, if you read on to the very next verse, 5:33, you'll see that Allah wants anyone opposing him or his messenger to "be killed or crucified...their hands and feet be cut off from opposite sides," for "causing corruption."

What is more offensive? Those words? Or those who choose to reject and criticize them?

It is true that a religion should not be defined by the actions of its adherents. However, it can be defined by the contents of its canonical texts – like the Quran, which is the one thing common to all Islamic sects and denominations, fundamentalist or moderate. The fact that most Muslims are non-violent doesn't automatically erase all of the violent verses from the Quran, in the same way that that Jews eating pork or having premarital sex doesn't mean either act is suddenly allowed by the Jewish faith. In the words of Alishba Zarmeen: most humans are more moral than the scriptures they hold sacred.

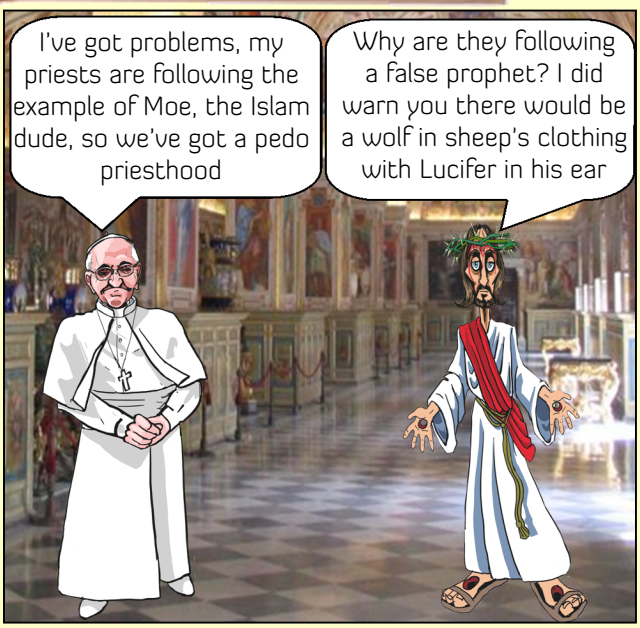
Fear of causing offense is not a sound reason to stop calling out hate speech, whether it comes from Tea Party Republicans, the KKK manifesto, or the Quran and Bible. And the misinterpretation/metaphor/out-of-context excuse is just that – an excuse. It doesn't make these texts read any better.

GOD SQUAD


I think I'll go back down to Earth to see how my children are getting along. I did want to go to visit my birth place in Bethlehem, but those rabbis will demand I'm nailed to a bloody cross again, so I think I'll go to Rome to see the Pope

Hey JC long time no see, have you come back to save us?
Nah, I'm just here to see how my flock are getting on and do a bit of shopping

Why don't you pop into the souvenir shop and get yourself a crucifix
No thanks, the last time I saw one of those I was nailed to it


I've got problems, my priests are following the example of Moe, the Islam dude, so we've got a pedo priesthood
Why are they following a false prophet? I did warn you there would be a wolf in sheep's clothing with Lucifer in his ear

His followers get offended at everything and then get violent until everyone caves to their demands
We'll start doing the same thing then, get some of the lads together, we'll demand that wood and nails are banned because they

B&Q
WOOD NAILS
CHRISTIANOPHOBIC
NAILS AND WOOD ARE CHRISTIANOPHOBIC
BAN NAILS AND WOOD
JESUS LOVES U

Jesus issues fatwa against B&Q

Following many years of intimidation and threats of violence by the Islamic hoards when they don't get their own way, Jesus has decided to take a leaf out of their book.

He today announced that it's no more 'Mr Nice Guy' and he was going to start encouraging his followers to intimidate and threaten communities and governments if everyone didn't change their beliefs and behaviour. He announced his first fatwa, which was that wood and nails are offensive to him and must be immediately banned and called on all his followers to demonstrate outside any stores selling the offensive items.

Unfortunately for Jesus, unlike Islam, his views don't come with special privileges and the Police turned up almost immediately, denounced Jesus and his followers as fascists and then proceeded to beat them to a pulp with their riot sticks.

Feminist Free Zone

If we give these terrorists job opportunities they will completely forget about fulfilling the commands of their God and become productive members of society

As soon as we were offered jobs in Abdul's Kebab Shop we disbanded ISIS and Boko Haram and now disregard large parts of the Quran.

Videos of the week

Pat Condell - Britain's cultural problem

We're paralysed by Islam. 1400 cases of "appalling" sexual exploitation revealed in UK report.

Website: www.patcondell.net Twitter: @patcondell

True Origins of the Quran

Mohammad explains the divine revelation of the sacred text to his beautiful wife Khadija. The local scribe Abdullâh Ibn Sâd Ibn Abî Sarh comes forth to offer his services, but in his ignorance, he decides to reject the unalterable truth of the Creator of the Universe.

Islamic State Muppets: Le Chanson D'Allah

The Myth of the Tiny Radical Muslim Minority.

Ben Shapiro takes on Ben Affleck and the myth that only a tiny minority of Muslims worldwide are radical.

Andrew Klavan: Is ISIS Islamic?

Andrew Klavan, employs a crack team of investigators to determine if President Obama is correct when he declares that the terror group ISIS is not, in fact, Islamic.

Andrew Klavan: How To Speak Leftist

Andrew Klavan, offers a helpful guide to right-wingers on the true meaning of popular leftist phrases. Behold, the Leftese Dictionary!

Andrew Klavan: How To Speak Leftist, Part II

Andrew Klavan takes another look into the Orwellian world that is the Leftese Dictionary.

More Feminist Fails For 2015

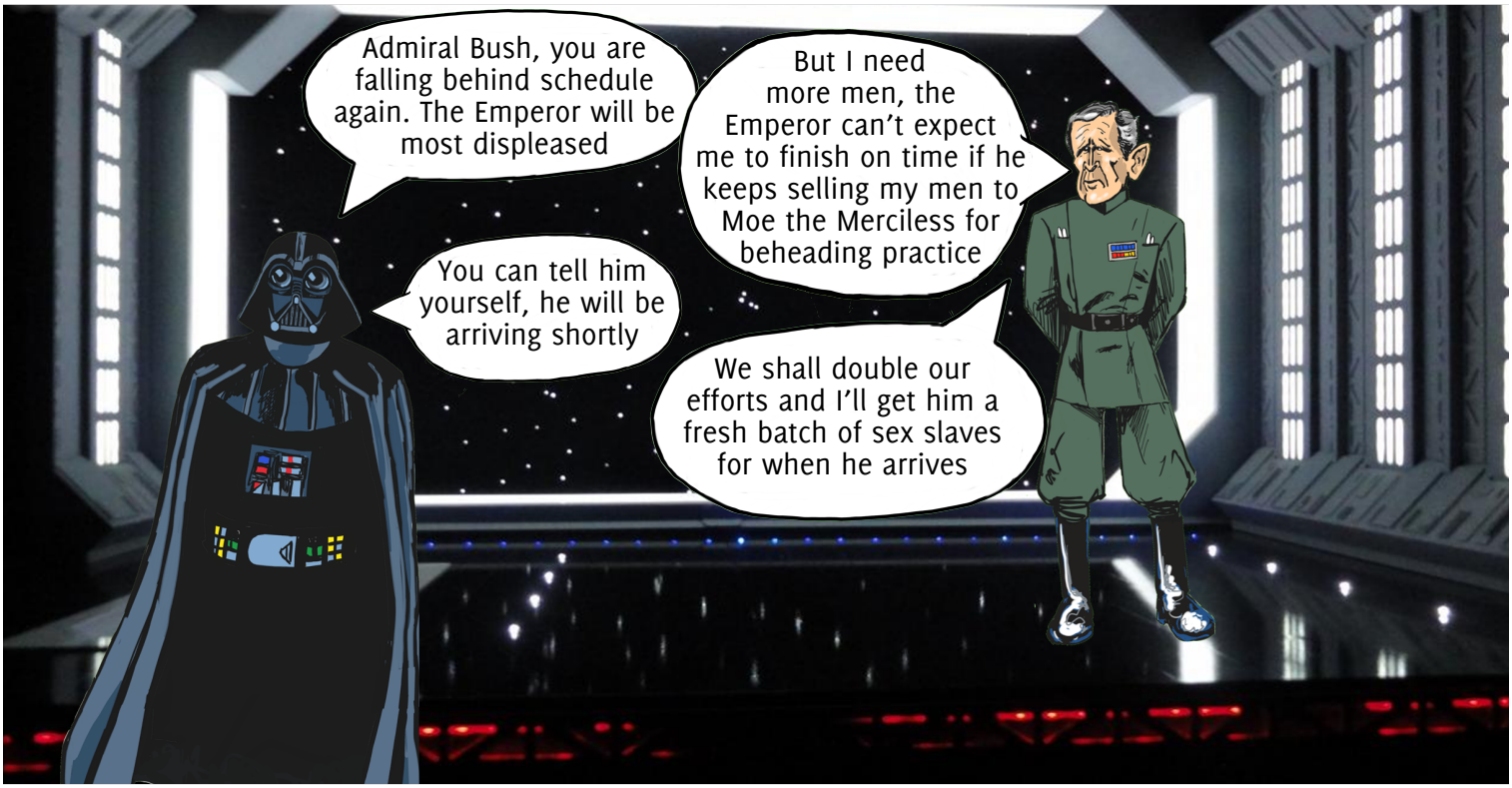
Predictions for more fake feminist causes, more harping less activism.

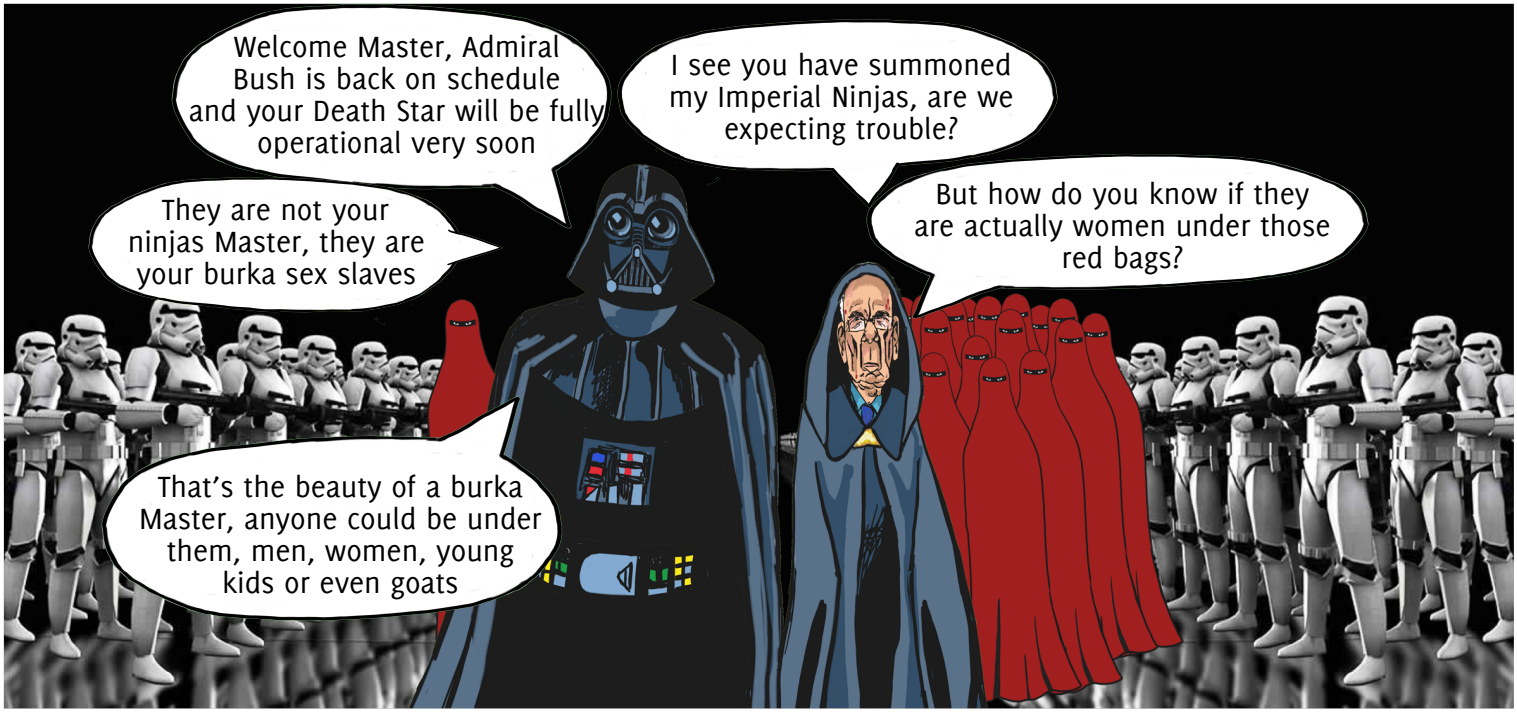
ISIS Bloopers

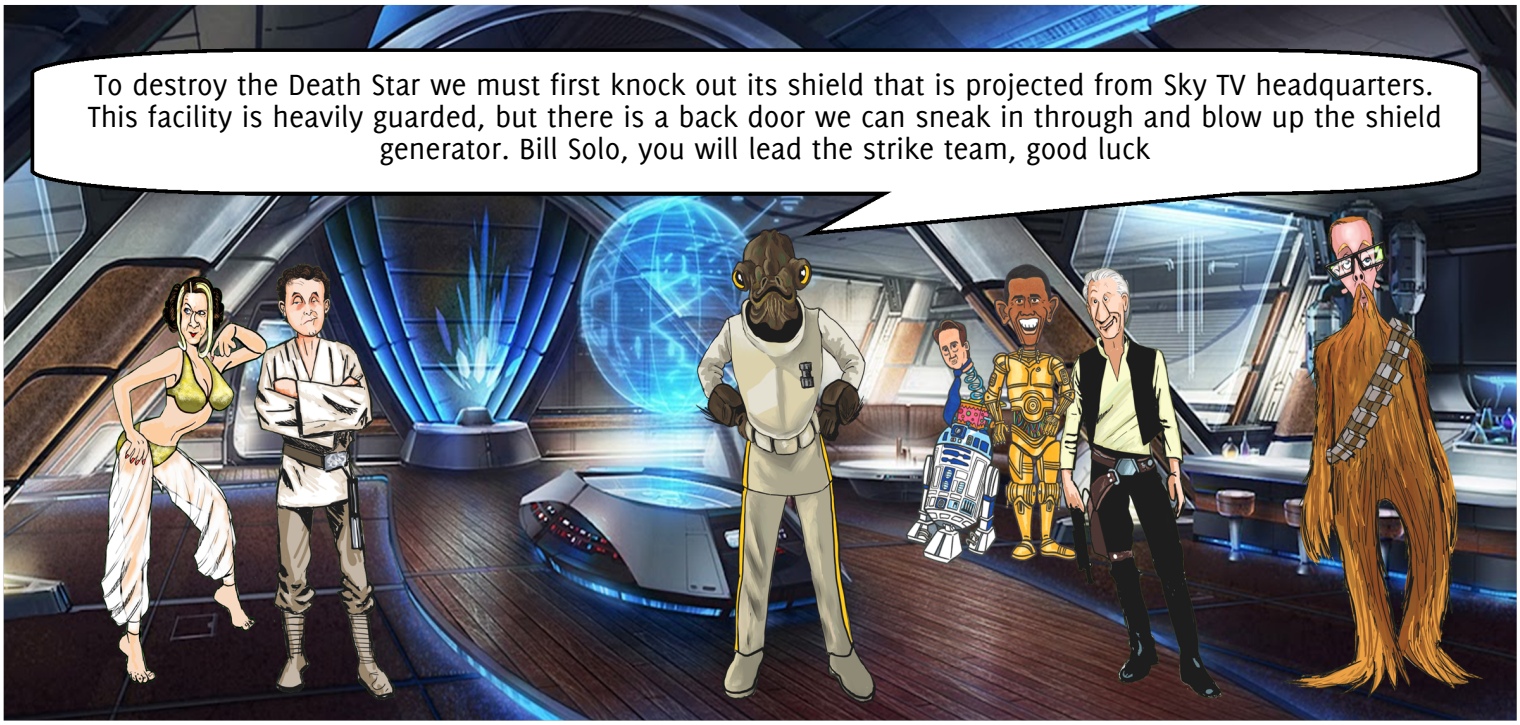
Israeli comedians take you behind the scenes of the Islamic State organisation.

SPEECH WARS

Episode six. Evil Emperor Murdoch is still censoring the media to protect the image of the even darker side, from which he receives huge bribes. The Secular Alliance is set to take matters into their own hands and destroy his beloved Death Star and on the very day Murdoch is due to visit it, to oversee the final phase of construction.




Welcome Master, Admiral Bush is back on schedule and your Death Star will be fully operational very soon
I see you have summoned my Imperial Ninjas, are we expecting trouble?
They are not your ninjas Master, they are your burka sex slaves
But how do you know if they are actually women under those red bags?
That's the beauty of a burka Master, anyone could be under them, men, women, young kids or even goats


To destroy the Death Star we must first knock out its shield that is projected from Sky TV headquarters. This facility is heavily guarded, but there is a back door we can sneak in through and blow up the shield generator. Bill Solo, you will lead the strike team, good luck

Hmmm there are far too many guards to sneak past, we'll just have to wait for the live football match to start on Sky TV and they'll all bugger off to watch it

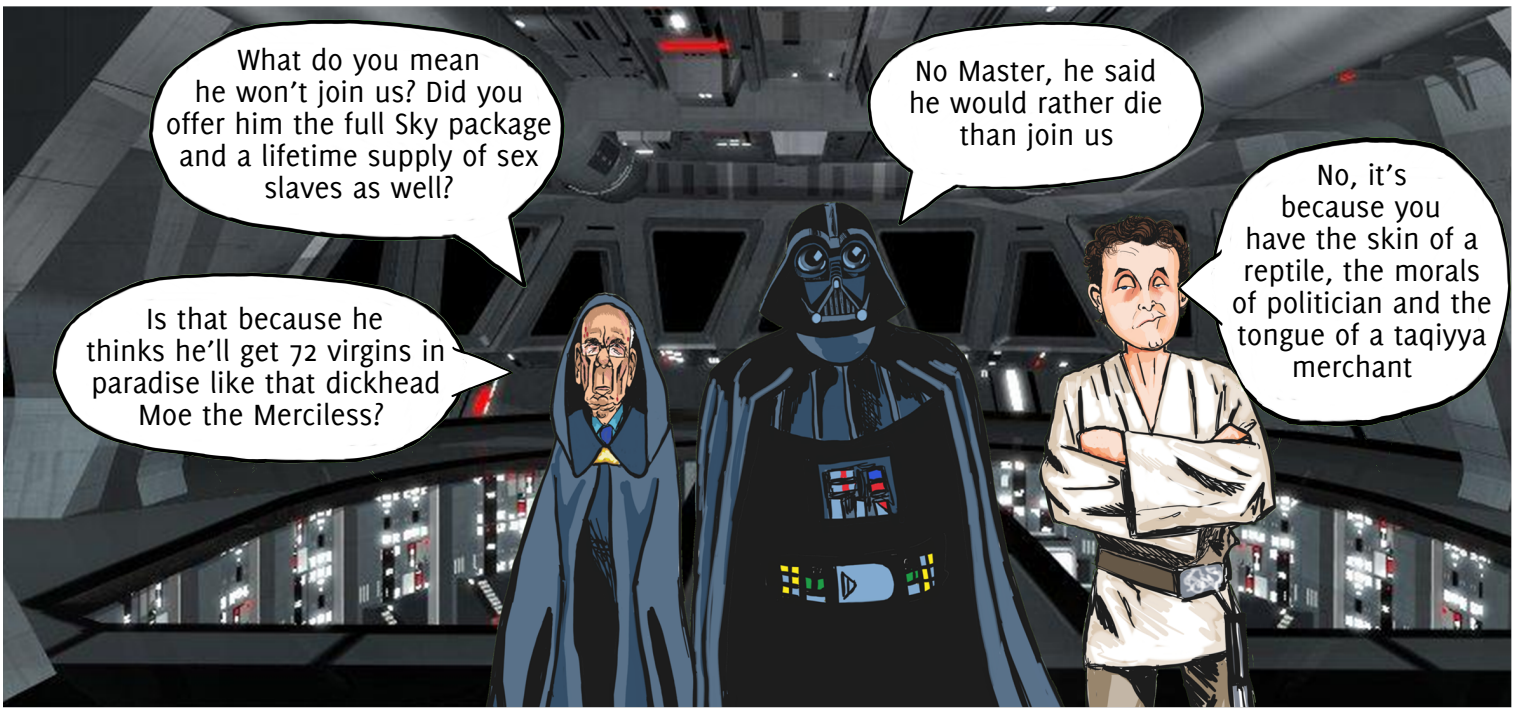
Admiral Ackbar, I can't get a reading on the shield, they are jamming my signal, which means they know we are coming. The Emperor must have also watched Return of Jedi like Yoda Harris did!

The shield is still operational, take evasive action. IT'S A TRAP, IT'S A TRAP

FIRE

We are going to have to do an ISIS and retreat because the opposition has weapons. That Death Star is more powerful than a Muslamic ray gun

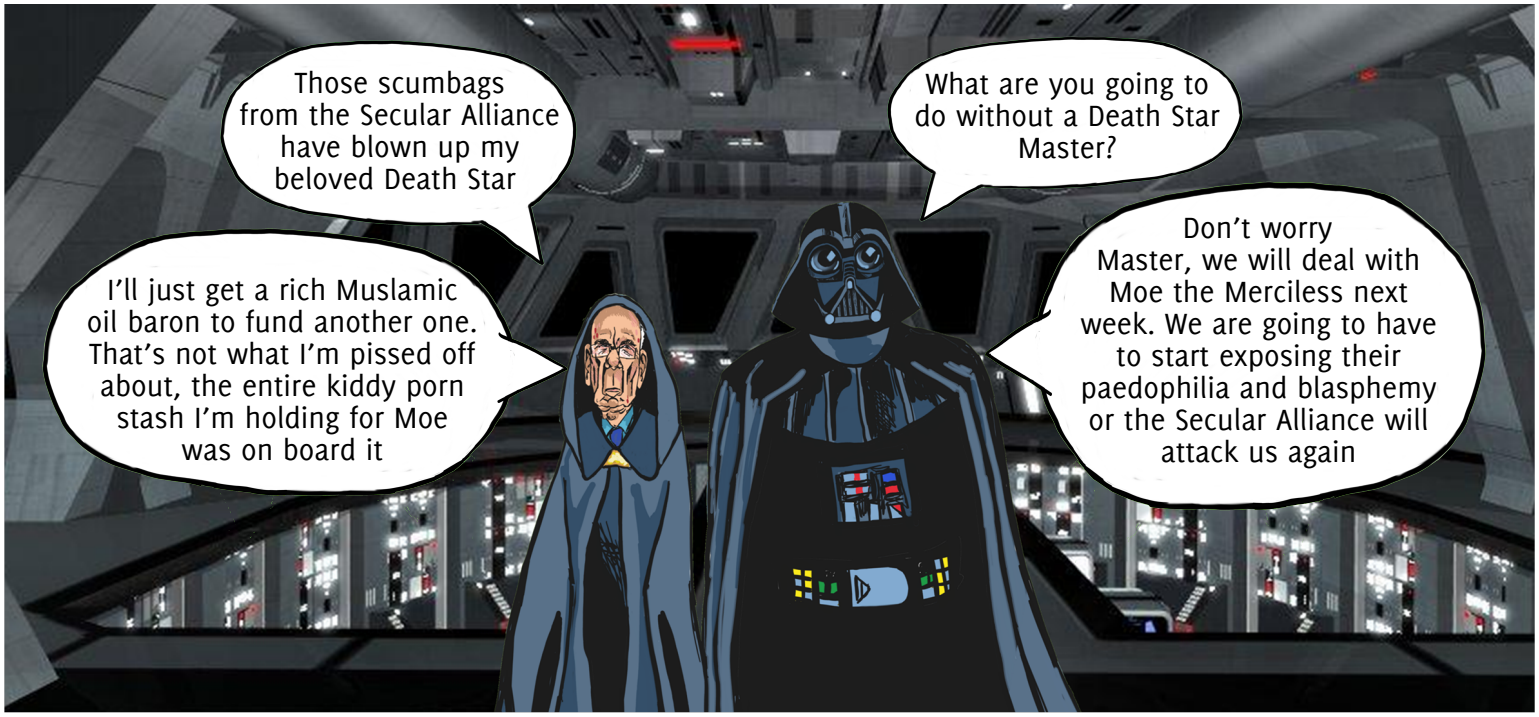
The Emperor and I want you to come and join the dark side
I will never join the dark side
It's great fun, we can hack people's phones and pay bribes for exclusive interviews. We can even influence elections in return for self regulation, so we can get away with all sorts of criminal activity
Nope, not tempted, I'd rather die than join you
OK, have it your way. I'm taking you to the Emperor so he can electrocute you to death


What do you mean he won't join us? Did you offer him the full Sky package and a lifetime supply of sex slaves as well?
No Master, he said he would rather die than join us
No, it's because you have the skin of a reptile, the morals of politician and the tongue of a taqiyya merchant
Is that because he thinks he'll get 72 virgins in paradise like that dickhead Moe the Merciless?

Red leader, the shield is now down, you can commence your attack. I think we used too many explosives and blew up the Sky dish too, so the evil Emperor will be off the airwaves for a while

Admiral Ackbar, I'm starting my attack run now. I'm going to copy Moe the Merciless and just obliterate everything in my path, then when all opposition is dead we will have peace in the galaxy

Mission accomplished, but I think the Evil Emperor and his apprentice escaped to fight another day. I sure hope Dougie Skywalker got out in time...



SPEECH WARS

Don't miss next week's Speech Wars when the Moe and his Muslamic hoards launch a full out attack on the Evil Emperor for revealing the dark dirty truth about the spread of Blasphemy laws and cultural extremism.

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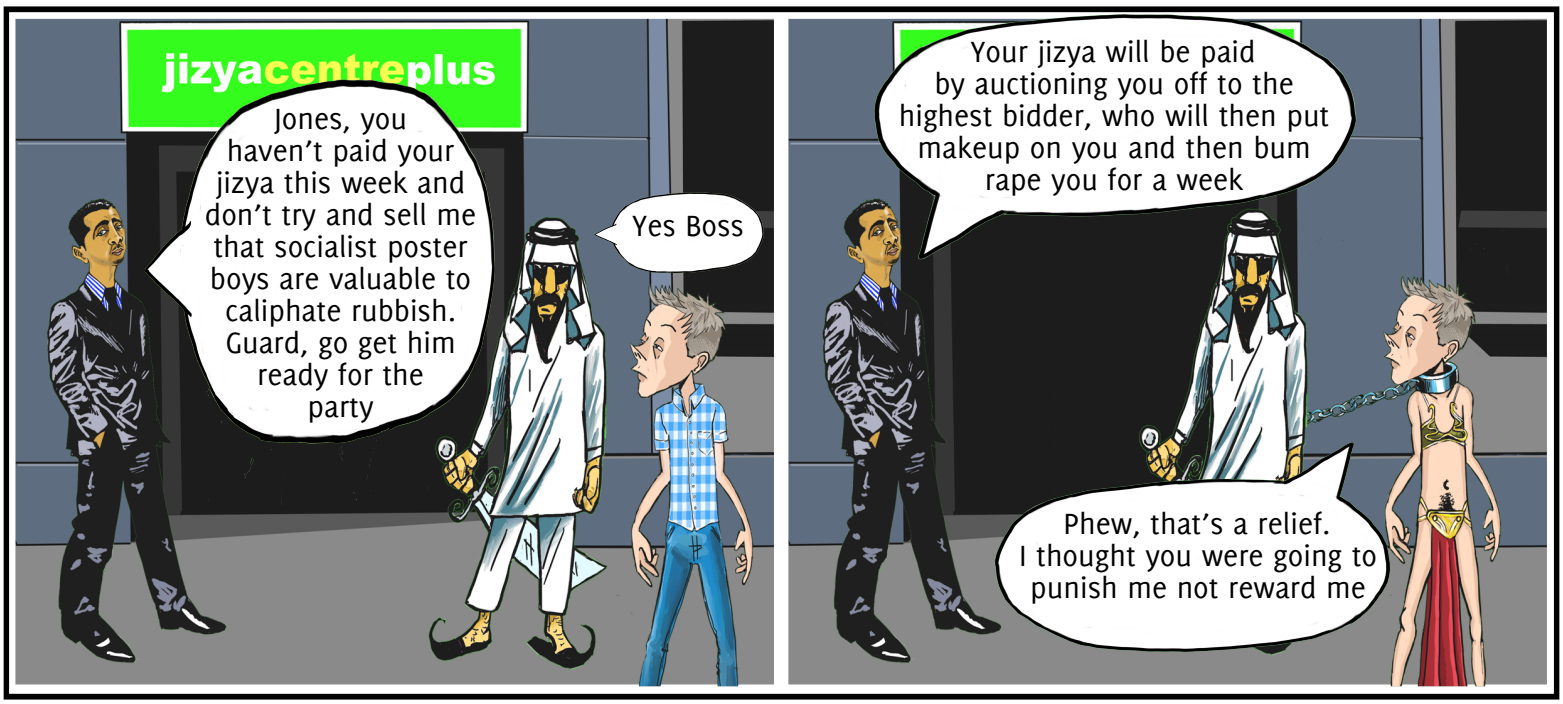

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How & Why Islam Wages War Against 'Idolatry' by Robert Spencer.

The Islamic State seeks to destroy all memory of pre-Islamic and non-Islamic civilizations.

The Islamic State has now destroyed numerous ancient Assyrian artifacts in the Mosul museum and bulldozed the 3,300-year-old city of Nimrud and the 2,000-year-old city of Hatra. It also recently blew up a tenth-century Chaldean Catholic church north of Mosul.

The world has recoiled in horror at this new confirmation of the Muslim group's gleeful contempt for civilization and embrace of barbarism, and the "this has nothing to do with Islam" industry has cranked into high gear to reassure the public yet again that nothing more than complacency is required in the face of this, but once again, the Islamic State is simply acting in accord with its stated principles.

Many have scoffed at the Islamic State's claim that they're simply removing temptations to idolatry. Who, after all, would be tempted to worship a 3,000-year-old Assyrian statue of a horse? But there is more to the Islamic State's actions than just that. Besides removing supposed temptations to idolatry, Islamic jihadists want to ruin the artifacts of non-Muslim civilizations because doing so testifies to the truth of Islam, as the Qur'an suggests that ruins are a sign of Allah's punishment of those who rejected his truth:

Many were the Ways of Life that have passed away before you: travel through the earth, and see what was the end of those who rejected Truth. (Qur'an 3:137)

This is one of the foundations of the Islamic idea that pre-Islamic civilizations, and non-Islamic civilizations, are all jahiliyya — the society of unbelievers, which is worthless. Consequently, any art, literature, or architecture that any non-Islamic culture produces has no value whatsoever: it is all simply a manifestation of that ignorance and barbarism.

V. S. Naipaul encountered this attitude in his travels through Muslim countries. For many Muslims, he observed in Among the Believers, "The time before Islam is a time of blackness: that is part of Muslim theology. History has to serve theology." Obviously this cuts against the idea of tourism of ancient sites and non-Muslim religious installations. Naipaul recounted that some Pakistani Muslims, far from valuing the nation's renowned archaeological site at Mohenjo Daro, saw its ruins as a teaching opportunity for Islam, recommending that Qur'an 3:137 be posted there as a teaching tool.

The same impulse now threatens the Sphinx and the Pyramids. Kuwaiti Muslim cleric Ibrahim Al Kandari declared:

The fact that early Muslims who were among prophet Mohammed's followers did not destroy the pharaohs' monuments upon entering the Egyptian soil, does not mean that we shouldn't do it now.

And Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the Islamic State's caliph Ibrahim, said destruction of the Sphinx and the Pyramids was a "religious duty."

If these monuments are destroyed, it is highly likely that in a few centuries (or sooner), Muslims in Egypt will be blaming the infidel for their destruction. This is what has happened with the Sphinx's nose, which was destroyed not by

Napoleon's troops in target practice (as goes the common story), but by the Muslim precursors of the Islamic State. In a rare moment of candor, Russia Today noted last Monday:

Attacks on the Sphinx date back centuries. Despite many legends surrounding the monument's missing nose — with harm from Napoleon's cannon being among the most popular myths — historians believe it was actually destroyed by Sufi Muslim Muhammad Sa'im al-Dahr in the 14th century, after he learned that some peasants worshipped the Sphinx.

Many of the incidents of Muslim destruction of artifacts are ascribed to infidels, in keeping with the general tendency of Islamic supremacists to blame everyone but themselves for their own wrongdoing. In Balkan Ghosts: A Journey Through History, Robert D. Kaplan repeats uncritically what he probably heard from local Muslims: that the icons in the local churches had their eyes scraped off because the superstitious local Christians had taken them to mix in health potions.It is, however, virtually inconceivable that Orthodox believers, even the most ignorant and superstitious, would desecrate icons in this way. It is much more likely that the icons had no eyes because Islamic authorities consider that it is sufficient to destroy the representation of the face in order to ruin the image as a representation of the human form. And that's why the nose of the Sphinx was gone long before Napoleon's troops ever had target practice.

There are men, and there are destroyers. The Judeo-Christian West has always loved life and creativity. By contrast, these Muslims, acting on principles of Islam, are the enemies of life and creativity; they love only death and destruction. As many Islamic jihadists have boasted, "We will win because we love death more than they love life."

That they love death is obvious; we can all take hope, however, from the fact that their claim that destruction and evil will ultimately triumph completely over creation and civilization is, at best, dubious.

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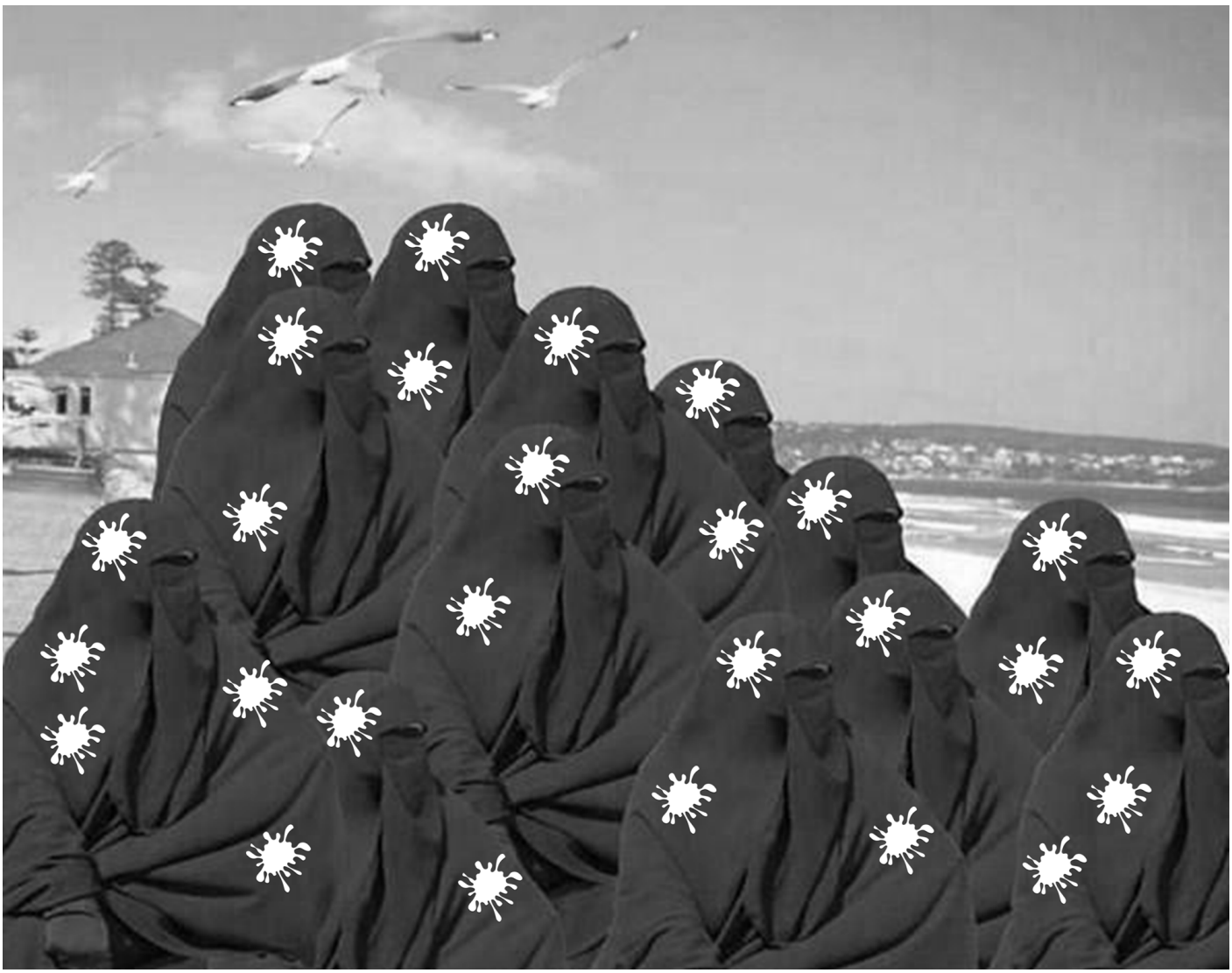
JIHADIST JOOOO

As part of the evil Zionist plot to take over the world, Jihadist Joooo is zapping seagulls with his Zionist ray gun, forcing the seagulls to shit on every burka they see. In time this will prevent Muslamic women from wearing burkas, for fear of islamophobic seagull shit attacks and obviously, all Jews will be held responsible.



Everyone knows that ISIS is a Zionist inspired and funded plot to make Islam look bad. Jihadist Joooo has been brainwashing innocent peaceful Muslims with his Zionist ray gun, filling their pockets full of cash and then training them in the art of genocide so they go out and commit unspeakable acts of violence. This is why ISIS has nothing to do with Islam.

The solar eclipse is obviously a Zionist plot to prove the Quran is the ramblings of a genocidal pervert and not the divine word of God. Jihadist Joooo has obviously zapped the moon with his Zionist ray gun so it doesn't follow the sun anymore.

Hey voters dontcha wish elections were every year? It's the only time we actually do anything for you.
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HOW NEW LABOUR DESTROYED DEMOCRACY, DEBATE AND CAUSED THE DISCONNECT BETWEEN THE POLITICAL ELITE AND THE UK VOTER. By Carlos Malleum

To the average punter in the street, there is a puzzling issue around our democracy: the disconnect between what the political elite think the public want and what the public actually want. Why is it that the political elite are so out of touch with the voters? Cast your thoughts back to how the media and main stream political parties reacted to UKIP 18 months ago? UKIP were roundly written off as racist, anti-diversity, disgusting, fascists, Nazis and just about any possible slur that the political-media-academic complex applies to anyone who dares question the status quo. However, now we have Cameron etc. cowering in the corner from Nasty Nige. Nige wins a couple of by elections, gives a spanking in the European elections, tempts over a high profile and much tipped Tory MP and suddenly, in the eyes of Dave, Ed , Nick and their cohorts, UKIP are accepted into the fold. "we must recognise that there are real concerns around immigration" said Dave. Well done Cameron, you got there eventually, but only after a democratic vote rammed it between your eyes.

Dave did exactly the same thing during the Scottish Referendum. The sheer panic when it looked like the arrogance and complacency of the political elite might have miscalculated the anger of Scottish voters in feeling isolated and ignored. They responded by hurling a planet sized cannonball across Westminster's bows and Dave nearly went down in history as the 'man who broke Britain'.

Well, how did Dave, Ed and Nick get the real political mood of the country so spectacularly wrong? They spend millions on polls and research, they have political apparatchiks whose only job is to second guess what us unwashed proles think. How on earth did they get it so terribly wrong and why is it that they are looking at continuing to get it wrong in the election in May?

It wasn't just the political elite who seem to have misread this. The mainstream media, in particular the BBC are also demonstrating themselves to be increasingly out of touch with the viewer and listener.

To answer this one must go back to 1997 and Tony Blair's triumph in the elections. Labour had been out of power for 19 years and they were hurting. In the echelons of the Labour party a plan was forming that come back as well as create a nation whose moral goalpost would be one of left of centre New Labour Social Democracy and to ensure that these agenda would exist to influence government even during times when Labour was not in power, "Shadow Government". During the Blair and Brown years the state funding of NGOs and charities went through the roof. The creation of these bodies, entirely dependent on the state has had a huge impact on our democracy and may well be the reason why our political elite are so 'out of touch'.

In a report published in June 2012 by The Institute of Economic Affairs called Sock Puppets: How the government lobbies itself and why; the author, Christopher Snowdon highlights this phenomenon and why we need to do something about it. His summary is very important and I reproduce it in its entirety here (page 7 of the report):

"In the last fifteen years, state funding of charities in Britain has increased significantly while restrictions on political lobbying by charities have been relaxed. 27,000 charities are now dependent on the government for more than 75 per cent of their income and the 'voluntary sector' receives more money from the state than it receives in voluntary donations.

It has been argued that state funding weakens the independence of charities, making them less inclined to criticise government policy. This paper argues that there is a deeper problem if government funds and/or creates pressure groups with the intention of creating a 'sock-puppet' version of civil society which creates the illusion of grass-roots support for new legislation. These state-funded activists engage in direct lobbying (of politicians) and indirect lobbying (of the public) using taxpayers' money, thereby blurring the distinction between public and private action.

State-funded charities and NGOs usually campaign for causes which do not enjoy widespread support amongst the general public (e.g. foreign aid, temperance, identity politics). They typically lobby for bigger government, higher taxes, greater regulation and the creation of new agencies to oversee and enforce new laws. In many cases, they call for increased funding for themselves and their associated departments. In public choice terms,

associated departments. In public choice terms, they are 'concentrated interests' compelling the taxpayer to meet the costs that come from their policies being implemented, as well as the costs of the lobbying itself.

State-funded activism is not an entirely new phenomenon. The EU's 'Green 10' and the Department of Health's anti-smoking groups offer two examples where the close relationship between pressure groups and the state has been well documented over a number of years.

For political parties, the benefits of supporting 'sock-puppet' organisations extend beyond the short-term utility of progressing their legislative agenda whilst in government. Once the party loses power, these groups become a 'shadow state' using public money to promote the same political ideology. The new government must therefore choose between withdrawing the funding (which will prompt outrage from the threatened groups) and keeping it in place (which will mean funding politically hostile organisations).

Government funding of politically active charities, NGOs and pressure groups is objectionable on three counts. Firstly, it subverts democracy and debases the concept of charity. Secondly, it is an unnecessary and wasteful use of taxpayers' money.

Thirdly, by funding like-minded organisations and ignoring others, genuine civil society is cold-shouldered in the political process. The paper concludes by suggesting some solutions to help restore the independence of the voluntary sector, safeguard taxpayers' money and rebalance civil society in favour of grass-roots activism."

Having pondered why our leaders are so out of touch, I was digging through my old files when I came across a copy of this report. On re reading it, I realised that here it was, an explanation of why there is a breakdown in the relationship between voter and politician. Snowdon's report, probably well known in political think tank circles, looms like Cassandra over the current state of affairs.

The main issue revolves around the funding and sometimes creation of NGOs, usually run as Charities, by the government. In 2012, 27,000 charities were reliant on the government for over 75% of their income. The problem, as Snowdon argues in his report, is that there is a deeper issue if a government funds and or creates pressure groups with the intention of creating a 'sock puppet' version of civil society which creates the illusion of grass-roots support for new legislation. We are now seeing the fruits of this policy as these state funded activists have indeed engaged in direct lobbying (of politicians) and indirect lobbying (of the public) using taxpayers' money and thereby blurring the distinction of public and private action but also in confusing politicians into believing that such activity is the democratic will of the people rather than what it really is. A self interested and self perpetuating NGO, reliant upon public funding for pay its salaries, continuing to demand 'grass roots reform' from the government and ably assisted and abetted by the media, in particular the BBC and specifically the Today Programme.

Not a day goes by on the Today programme without Naughty and Humphries announcing "in a new report by x organisation which does y something was demanded from government here is so and so from Nice Cuddly Islamist Murderers" or such and such from "If you knew what was good for you you'd listen to us!" or that Ginger Bloke from "Stop Smerkin Tabs" They all have one thing in common, state funded NGO's publishing reports demanding greater reform, more money etc. etc. etc. Now, some of these organisations may have a genuine concern which should be addressed, but as Snowdon said in in his report they "usually campaign for causes which do not enjoy widespread support amongst the general public (e.g. foreign aid, temperance, identity politics)" and are therefore hardly democratic. So these undemocratic organisations, giving the appearance of democratic movements, influence media and politicians to a far higher degree than the voters do. The voter, feeling increasingly exasperated at various policies and laws he or she never asked for and certainly don't agree with being brought in willy nilly eventually loses their temper and votes UKIP, SNP or (God help us all, Green). The voters can't make their voices heard because the NGO uses the voters' cash to broadcast their message and demands across media, internet and in the lobby of the house. So voters' cash is being used to effectively undermine the democracy of the nation by enforcing a centre left agenda whether we want it or not.

Worse, Snowdon highlights a phenomenon which he calls Shadow Government. After 12 years of New Labour and the social engineering of NGO, these organisations were so powerful and continue to captivate editors and politicians like rabbits in the headlights. Continue to preach their causes to the new government. Cameron did attempt to address this and closed down a few quangos but there are

New Labour and most reflecting the policies of New Labour. This huge, publicly funded, self fuelling, incredibly powerful mass of centre left thought means that ANY government policy that doesn't toe-the-line will be assaulted in the press, on the BBC and online by these organisations on the basis that the government is not listening to 'grass roots' organisations. This allows New Labour to continue to govern from beyond the political grave.

In some circumstances, this is annoying, but in others it is dangerous. 'Industries' develop around specific issues: breast feeding and anti-racism being two.

There is a strong scientific argument that breast is best. However, it is not the only option and there exists contrary medical evidence that formula milk is just as good and, in some circumstances better. In a free, democratic society mothers should be informed of all options and then allowed to make their own choice. That's what should happen, unfortunately it does not. The breast feeding NGOs have ensured that the DH enforces breast is best. Midwives and doctors are not allowed to consider anything else, in fact are intimidated into not considering anything else. Mothers are bullied and hectored and made to feel second class and failures if they can't or won't breast feed. When our first was born, he wouldn't take the nipple and his iron levels fell in the first couple of days. The Portuguese midwife, told us she would get us into A&E for a blood test and we really needed to get some milk into him. I asked about formula, she said that she wasn't allowed to recommend it because giving a new born a bottle makes them less likely to take the nipple. But, off the record, yes get some Cow & Gate. Anyway, we took the wee man into hospital for his blood test. When the young Registrar asked us if he was taking the nipple yet and we indicated he wasn't her response was:

"OK, I think we'll admit mother and baby and if he hasn't fed by this evening, we'll put a tube into his nose and tummy." My wife, knackered and emotional and feeling a failure tiredly nodded. However, fortunately I was there and was able to say: "No, we will be going home now, and if he hasn't taken the nipple by then we will give him a bottle. ."Oh, so you don't want to breast feed then?"

"We will not be carrying out an invasive procedure on our new born son when a tried and tested alternative exists"

At this point the Registrar seemed to realise how

So we have several NGOs all focused on breast feeding, all reliant upon government funding for their existence, who have bullied and hectored NHS trusts so effectively that doctors see formula milk as worse than carrying out an uncomfortable and potentially dangerous unnecessary procedure on a tiny baby. Our son, by the way is now a strapping 10 year old example of a northern European with a physical stature, blond hair and blue eyes that would have put Himmler into paroxysms of Aryan praise. He enjoys playing rugby for his local team and does very well in school.

Over the next few weeks, we saw several incidents including one where in a post natal class a father was pilloried by the breast feeding adviser for filling a bottle from a carton of formula milk rather than the child's mother's freshly pumped breast milk. When the father quietly explained that he didn't have any breast milk because his wife had sadly, passed away during a difficult and complicated delivery and his only option was formula we can only imagine the expression of the advisor's face.

Once we had our second child we knew what to expect and, now, In Scotland, were handed an expensively produced pamphlet from a Scottish NGO for Breast feeding that was so similar to the NHS trust's own publicity you could have been forgiven in realising it was actually from an NGO. The pamphlet went on for over a dozen pages explaining why, in their opinion and the consensus in the UK, breast was best. Knowing what to expect I turned to the 'advantages of breastfeeding' page...one recommendation, I shit you not:

"breast feeding is better than formula because you don't have to use the kettle and can therefore avoid potential scalding injuries"

How grateful were we to the NGO to have pointed out to us, with the use of several hundred thousand pounds of public money, that a water heating technology that we had mastered around the age of 10 can be dangerous. Really???

What is terrifying is that NOBODY pulls them up on this. Where is the newspaper article or the MP tearing into the NGO about this shoddy nonsense? The colossal waste of public funds is eye watering.

That's the 'breast feeding industry', it's bad enough but things get even more sinister in the 'anti racism industry'.

Anyone who thinks that the colour of someone's skin

lessens that individual is a lunatic. In the UK, we have never had the race issues that they have in the States. Ed West in his excellent "The Diversity Illusion" does a very good job of going into the differences but also identifying that in our attempt to combat racism we are importing attitudes towards race that are alien to our experience as black, white, yellow, pink Britons. Racism is unacceptable. However, it is not enough to be non racist. You have to be ANTI racist. You must demonstrate how anti racist you are, how zealous you are in the application of anti racism. Now this is dangerous because it is exactly this type of zealotry that caused the police and social services in towns and cities up and down the country to ignore, wilfully ignore, the terrible abuse of non-Muslim children by male Muslims, in particular those of Pakistani and Afghan origin.

For years NGOs associated with anti racism and anti fascism have beaten this drum. Since The Macpherson Report (again see West on this, The Diversity Illusion). It wasn't enough to indicate that perhaps the Met had not considered the racial element of the murder. No, the police had to confess that they were enemies of the people..I mean, that they were institutionally racist. This has created a culture where it is not acceptable to be non racist – unless you are actively ANTI racist, you are a racist. Four legs good, two legs bad.

A few years ago I worked for a large, public sector organisation. I used to organise the recruitment within this organisation. Now, when organisations recruit, they often use competency based interviews where the candidate is asked questions relevant to the competency required. So therefore if we need good communication skills we may ask:

"Can you give us an example of a time in your career when you felt that your voice hadn't been heard. What was the situation? What were you trying to say? How did you respond? What was the result?"

Now we would be looking for someone to modify their communication style to ensure their point was acknowledged. A valuable skill in any large, complex organisation.

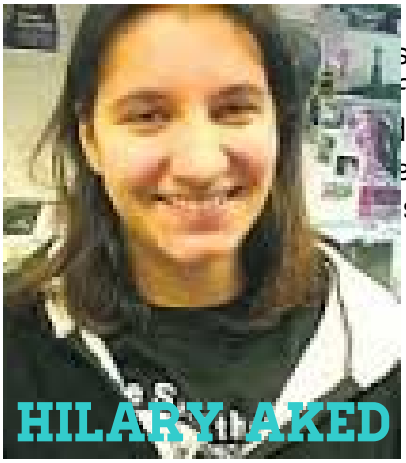
Now one of the competencies we had was called 'Diversity' and we used this to find out how 'anti racist' someone was. It wasn't enough for a candidate to answer that they understood the importance of catering to all, equally. No, we needed the candidate to demonstrate occasions when they had enforced anti racism. Enforced diversity. This difference between hiring and not hiring. The organisation had a positive discrimination policy. There were quarterly meetings where we would look at the percentages of different people- how many from x ethnicity, how many from y sexual preference. We would ensure that we were hitting the figures, if we didn't we would have the Campaign for Racial Equality all over us. The meeting included that strange type of public sector manager who have made their entire career out of enforcing the demands of NGOs. I can recall, when presenting our figures for one quarter, it had become apparent that indigenous, middle aged, straight males were in fact hugely under-represented in many areas in the business and I suggested, if we were going to hit our diversity mandate, we would have to start positively discriminating to hire indigenous, middle aged, straight males. You could have heard a pin drop.

All very amusing, however, it loses its humour when you realise that it was the culture fuelled by the anti-racism industry which caused police officers and council employees to look the other way when their first duty should have been to protect these children from child abuse. Mr Cameron, criminalising people for not reporting this won't make an inkling of a difference. It is the culture of the witch hunt that has caused this culture. You will only change it by trusting the British public, on the whole a pretty decent and fair minded people, who aren't racist and know what is right from what is wrong to decided when something is right and when it is wrong. You don't have to be a member of the NKVD to detest Nazism, it is enough to condemn it and have nothing to do with it.

Snowdon's report has more relevance now than it ever has. We are experiencing a time when our political leaders appear genuinely bewildered as to why they have lost the public. The whole sector desperately needs reformed as it is now poses a huge threat to our democracy because it appears to be grass roots when it is anything but grass roots. Snowdon makes several suggestions including removing funding from these organisations and restricting lobbying activities. It is the power of the publicly funded NGO which has given the minority powers over the majority. Which has resulted in mothers being condemned for not breast feeding; policemen turning a blind eye to blatant child abuse; environment laws that have seen us all spend billions on diesel cars that whilst cutting carbon, belt out lethal Nitrogen Oxide and Nitrogen Dioxide; and laws that would have you arrested for burning your own copy of the Koran but happily let you burn a Bible. Laws that make it a crime for you to upset someone

because you criticise their religion.

It has created a culture where anyone who holds an opinion contrary to that of the political-media-academic complex is quickly marginalised and ad hominem attacked until they shut up. When Anne Marie Waters reasonably pointed out that the truth is, about a large number of Islamist Jew-hating misogynists who speak at British universities – while their critics are banned and censored. Having, of course committed the unforgivable and left the New Labour movement establishing Sharia Watch



slamofacism. She was far left's champion of l. You can read Anne e. As of last week, Anne sn't responded to her.

Much that the political-media-academic complex would deny it, Britons are very concerned about a number of issues: freedom of speech, the unequal application of the law in tolerating Muslim hate speech whilst arresting critics of Islam; immigration; EU Laws; lack of competition in big business; the desperate situation around housing; the failure of multiculturalism. These are all issues that face Britons day to day. The government and opposition look at them through the prism of NGO influence. This is not democracy, it is the dictatorship of the metropolitate.

What can we do about this?

Well, write to your MP, include a copy of the link to Christopher Snowdon's article. Demand that politicians start listening to voters and not NGOs and lobbyists. Point out that it is the public funding of NGOs that is creating the disconnect and that it is a threat to democracy. If they don't listen then hammer them at the elections in May.

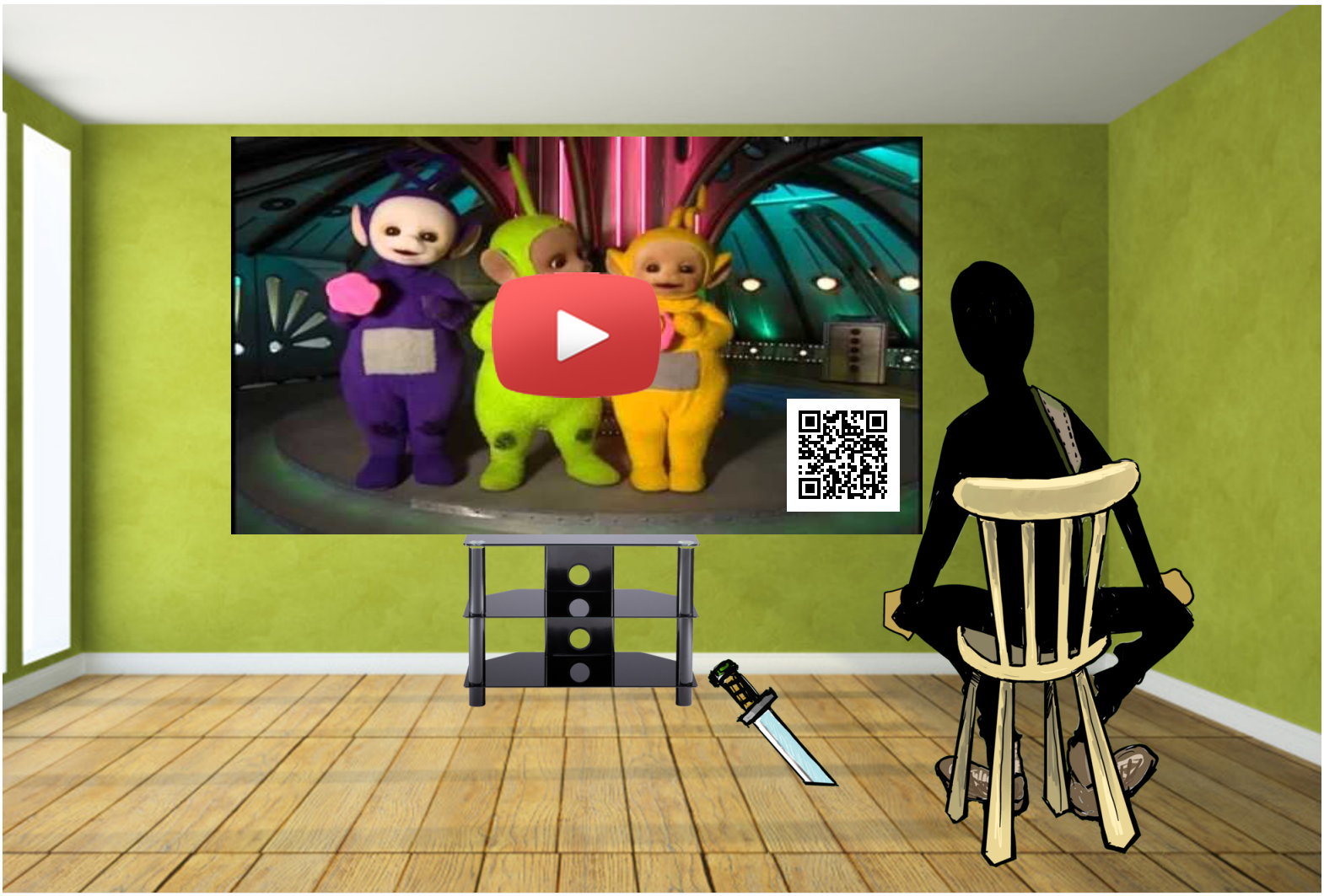
As for Tony Blair?..... J'accuse!

Bill Maher Epic Rant!

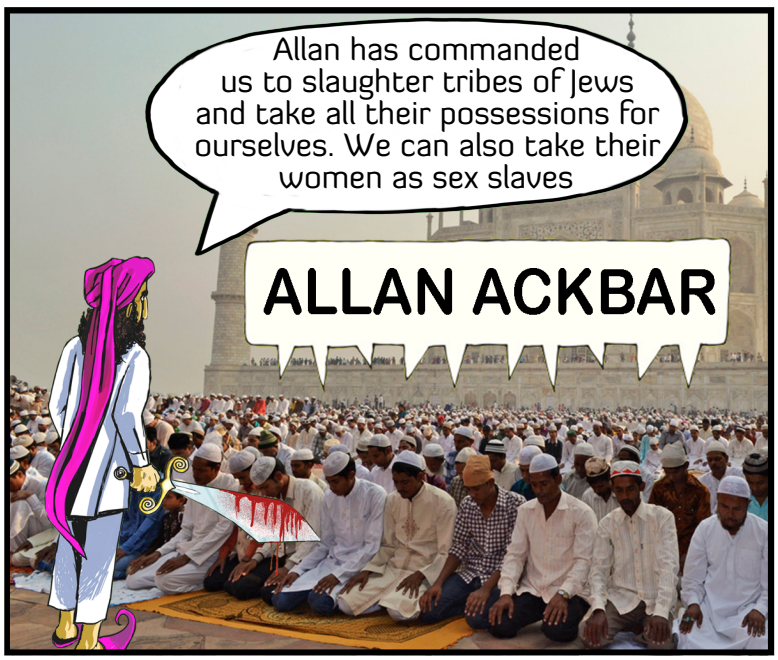
New Rules: Bombing Muslim Countries

JIHADI JOHN

Ever since we ran out of aid workers and journalists to behead things have got a bit quiet around here. On the upside, it gives me loads of time to watch my favourite TV show.



Muslamic Whispers



Fatwa of the week with Imam Tomeh

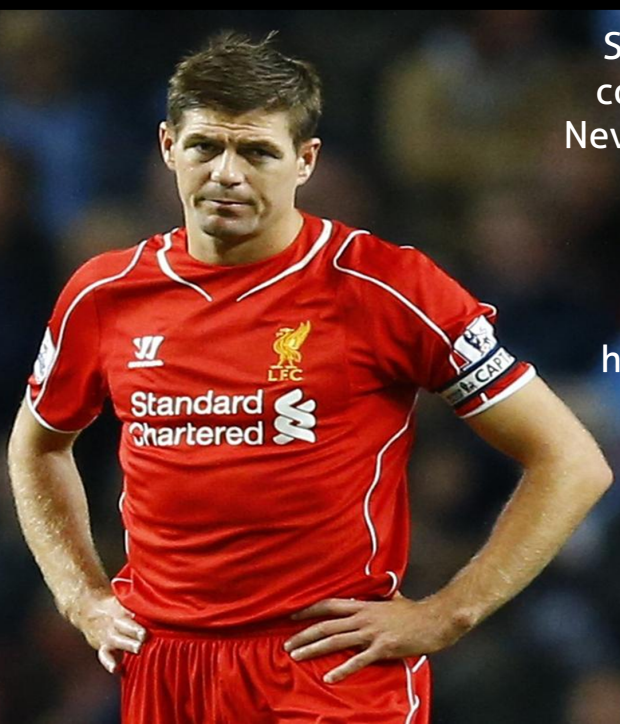
Churches

Saudi Arabia's top Muslim fruitcake recently called for the destruction of all churches in the Arabian Peninsula after legislators in the Gulf state of Kuwait moved to pass laws banning the construction of religious sites associated with Christianity.

Speaking to a delegation in Kuwait, Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Abdullah, who serves as the grand mufti of Saudi Arabia, said the destruction of churches was absolutely necessary and is required by Islamic law. Abdullah, who is considered to be the highest official of religious law in the Sunni Muslim kingdom, also serves as the head of the Supreme Council of Ulema (Islamic scholars) and of the Standing Committee for Scientific Research and Issuing of Fatwas.

Sports Personality of the Week

Steven Gerrard wins SPOTW for his cameo performance at Anfield against arch rivals Manchester United. With the game poised for a thrilling second half, captain fantastic strolled proudly onto the pitch just after half time. A full 38 seconds later he was not so proudly strolling off the pitch after getting a red card for stamping on a player.



Sky Sports pundit and co-commentator, Gary Neville, was unavailable for comment on the incident as he was in the hospitality suite bathroom changing his pants after pissing himself laughing.

FREE RAIF BADAWI

Raif Badawi was arrested in 2012 on a charge of insulting Islam through electronic channels and brought to court on several charges including apostasy. He was sentenced to 10 years in prison and 1,000 lashes for setting up a website that championed free speech in Saudi Arabia. His blog, the Saudi Free Liberals Forum, was shut down after his arrest in 2012.

The first 50 were administered on January 9, 2015. He has had his weekly lashes postponed every week since.

It has been reported that Raif may face a retrial and could be facing the death penalty for apostasy, so we must keep up the pressure.

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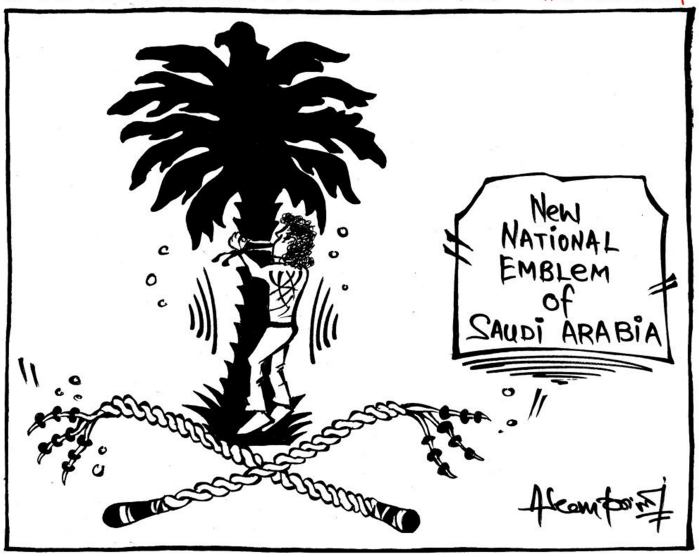

A CARTOON AGAINST EVERY LASH (14) #FreeRaif

(Freedom is never dear at any price, it's the breath of life: Mahatma Gandhi)

Aseem Trivedi is an independent cartoonist and free speech activist from New Delhi, India. He is creating a cartoon for each of the 50 lashes Raif Badawi has received. Above is number 7 in his series of 50. Vive Charlie will be featuring his cartoons each week so please follow him on twitter.
@aseem_trivedi

Saudi Arabia's continued imprisonment of Raif Badawi is shameful

By Ensaf Haidar, author and wife of Raif Badawi.

Any environment hostile to humans quickly becomes hellish. Saudi Arabia is the land of a million clerics, the only country in the world where women are barred from driving and where rights are repressed in the name of religion. It is a country ruled by Islamic law that states that any one who deviates from it should be killed.

My husband Raif Badawi was jailed for expressing his opinion. His espousal of liberalism was reason enough for the Saudi judiciary to see fit to sentence him to a decade in prison and 1,000 lashes.

The Islamic courts, a long-gone vestige of Islamic fascism, have been revived in the era of the sponsor of intra-religious dialogue, the Saudi ruler, who spends millions to polish Saudi Arabia's image in the foreign press. Saudi Arabia sends emissaries all over the world in order to promote a false notion of openness and forgiveness that do not square with the dozens of prisoners of conscience and political prisoners within the country, including Raif Badawi.

In Austria, the Saudi government has established a centre for religious and civilizational dialogue, which has remained silent throughout the application of archaic Shariah-based punishments, such as Raif's sentencing to 1,000 lashes. This led the Austrian chancellor Werner Faymann to describe it as a "centre of silence," and demand that the Austrian government extricate itself from the partnership. Raif has a daughter under seven, who has been waiting for her father to come from work for three years.

As the United States leads the international community into increased military confrontation against the terrorist Islamic State, we must also be asking questions about the organization's loyalties: to whom does IS look to for ideological support? What is the religious jurisprudence upon which IS bases itself? Is it useful to attack the organization militarily without looking to the causes of its actual and ideological formations? Finally, and most crucially, does IS represent Islam?

All of these are significant and pressing questions. In my opinion, discussing them in an attempt to manage and contain them is more important than military intervention. Here, of course, I am talking specifically about the way the Muslim religion is used politically. In my view, IS does represent Islam in its ideological and political branches. I would argue that the everyday, peaceful Muslim who rejects all the crime and barbarity of this Islam and believes in everyone's right to life is merely an individual saying that IS doesn't represent him, but when Islamic teaching is used to justify the acts of IS, no one can really argue that IS does not, in some sense, represent Islam.

ISIS, which whips and kills in the name of religion, does not differ from Saudi Arabia in their shared adoption of these barbaric religious dictates. Saudi Arabia, too, uses beheading and flogging as punishments under Shariah law. It is shameful that the nations that profess to be allied against terrorism nevertheless co-operate with states like the kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

In October, Raif Badawi won PEN Canada's One Humanity award. A month later, he won the Netizen Prize from Reporters without Borders, then an Aikenhead award from the Scottish Secular Society. Most recently, he has received the Courage Award from the Geneva Summit for Human Rights and Democracy, and a Freedom of Speech award from the German Deutsche Welle foundation. He has also been nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize by two Norwegian members of Parliament.

These nominations and prizes send a clear message to the rulers of Saudi Arabia that its continued imprisonment of Badawi is shameful, especially as the kingdom now claims to be playing a leadership role in the fight against terror and the Islamic State.

Ensaf Haidar is an author and the wife of blogger Raif Badawi.

Amnesty International has a petition with over a million signatures already added. We encourage all our readers to sign this petition by clicking HERE

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FREE RAIF BADAWI

TOP TRUMPS

JESUS

Jesus features in Universally Challenged and God Squad. He is the messiah that performs magic tricks like water into wine.

SPECIAL SKILL	Magic tricks	96
WEAPON OF CHOICE	Turning the other cheek	3
STRENGTH	Healing hands	89
WEAKNESS	Believes that mankind is fundamentally good	12

ANDY

Andy Choudary is the most honest Muslim in Britain after having a successful taqiyya bypass operation when he was drunk.

SPECIAL SKILL	Drinking 10 pints of cider an hour	98
WEAPON OF CHOICE	Sharia	41
STRENGTH	Does whatever he wants and claims it's the word of God	68
WEAKNESS	Porn and alcohol	50

RAY COMFORT

Ray Comfort, or Banana Man as many know him, often makes a prat of himself through his unshakable belief in fairy tales.

SPECIAL SKILL	Making a fool of himself in public	92
WEAPON OF CHOICE	Bible	9
STRENGTH	Ignorant of the fact he is a laughing stock	99
WEAKNESS	Believes that by insisting facts are not facts, they will cease to be facts	4

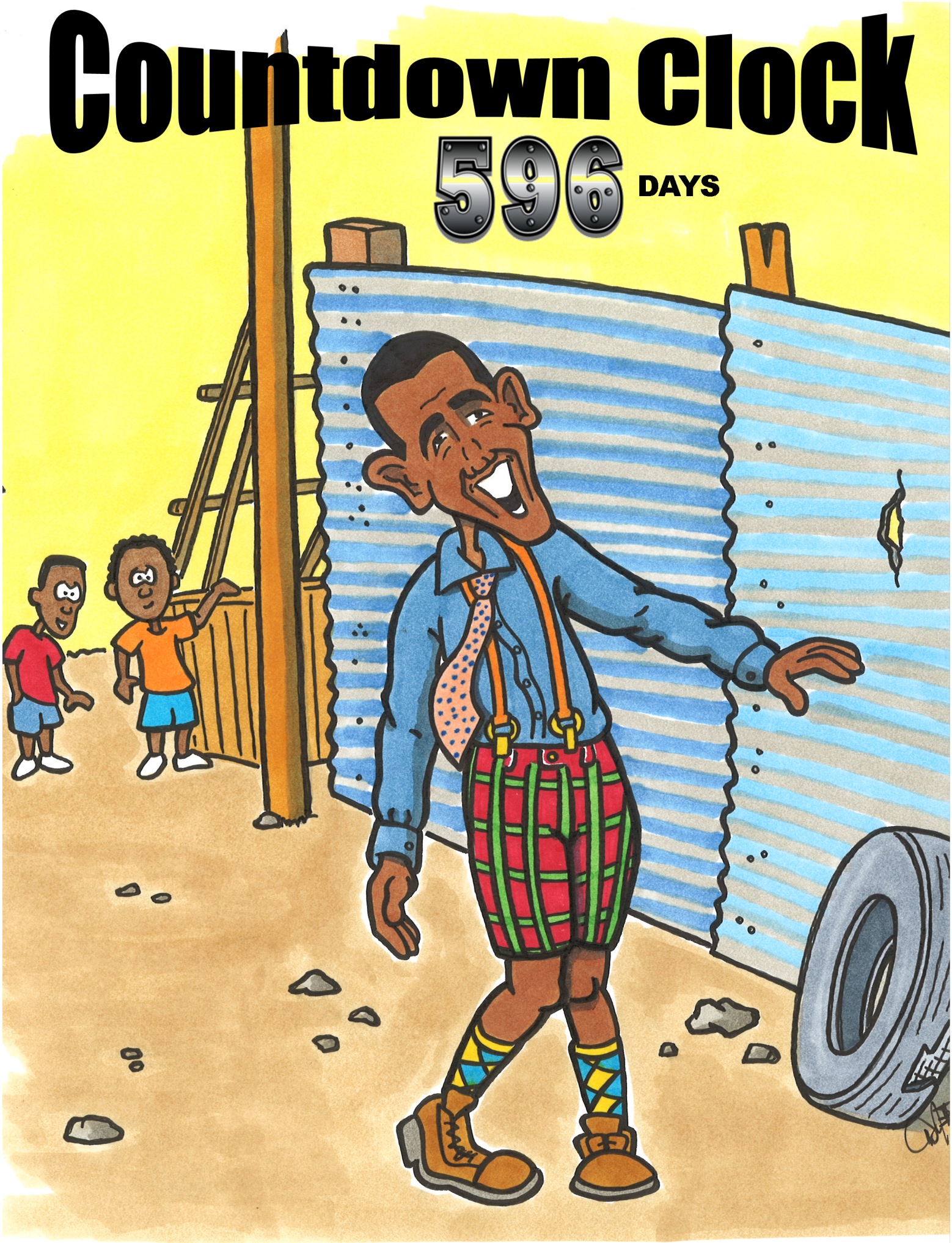
JIHADI JOHN

Jihadi John is a failed rapper from London that joined ISIS because he felt harassed by the Security Services.

SPECIAL SKILL	Beheading	82
WEAPON OF CHOICE	Sharp knife	67
STRENGTH	Absolutely no conscience whatsoever	90
WEAKNESS	Loves watching the Teletubbies	2

ASSHOLE OF THE WEEK

Russell Brand wins this week's award for his comments on Comic Relief about sharing needles. It's just what you'd expect from an asshole with a history of drug addiction. Click picture below to watch video.



UNTIL A VILLAGE IN KENYA GETS ITS IDIOT BACK